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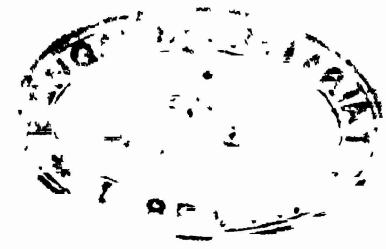

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The following review of the Administration of Criminal Justice in the Province of Assam during the year 1893 has been prepared on the same system as its predecessors, and the statements which accompany it have been compiled in the form adopted in previous years, with the exception of Annual Statement 7, which has been slightly altered in accordance with the orders of the Government of India in the Home Department contained in their resolution No. 9—Judicial —675-687, dated the 20th May, 1892. The reports of local officers were on the whole punctually submitted.

Area, population and jurisdiction.

2. No change has been reported as regards the area, population, or judicial divisions of the province.

I.—THE CRIMINAL COURTS.

Annual Statement 1.

3. As in previous years, two Sessions Judges and eight District Magistrates (Deputy Commissioners) were employed in the Province. Of the latter, all but one (the Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet) exercised special powers under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, Act X of 1882.

Magistrates

4. The distribution and classes of Magistrates employed at the close of each of the last two years are shown below :—

	Stipendiary.		Honorary.	
	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
Assam Valley Districts . . .	30	35	15	14
Sylhet and Cachar	22	28	4	4
	52	63	19	18

Stipendiary Magistrates.

5. Of the 63 Stipendiary Magistrates thus shown, 46 exercised powers of the first class, 12 of the second class and 5 of the third class. There was an increase of 10 and 2 respectively in the number of Magistrates of the first and second classes, and a decrease of one in the number of Magistrates of the third class. There was no change in the number of Magistrates in Nowgong and Lakhimpore. In Kamrup there was an increase of 7, in Cachar of 4, in Sylhet of 2, and in Goalpara of one; while in the two remaining districts of Darrang and Sibsagar there was a decrease of 2 and 1 respectively.

Honorary Magistrates and Benches.

6. Honorary Magistrates were employed in all the districts of the province except Goalpara and Cachar. In Nowgong three Honorary Magistrates, one vested with second class and two with third class powers, decided 368 cases as against 620 cases tried by the other Magistrates of the district, or more than one-third of the total number disposed of. In Sylhet such Magistrates tried 613 cases concerning 778 persons, as against 509 cases and 661 persons in

1892. In Kamrup, Sibsagar, Darrang and Lakhimpore Honorary Magistrates disposed of respectively 47, 11, 6 and 3 cases in the course of the year.

The Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet reports that on his recommendation a Bench of Magistrates for the Habigunge Subdivision has been appointed, and he expects that it will afford much-needed relief to the Subdivisional Officer. No Benches of Magistrates have as yet been constituted in the other districts of the province.

II.—CRIME RETURNS.

Offences reported and cases rejected. *Tables A and B.*

7. Tables A and B appended to this Report show the number of offences reported, of cases rejected or struck off as false, and of cases accepted as true. The general results for the years 1892 and 1893 are compared below :—

	Offences reported	Rejected and struck off as false.	Accepted as true.
1892	29,983	7,637	22,346
1893	31,420	7,730	23,690

As compared with 1892, these figures show an increase of 1,437 in the number of offences reported, of 93 in the number of cases rejected and struck off as false, and of 1,344 in the number of cases accepted as true.

The increase in the number of offences reported occurred in the districts of Goalpara (552), Sylhet (551), Lakhimpore (210), Sibsagar (130), Kamrup (59), and Darrang (7); while there was a decrease of 36 each in the remaining districts of Nowgong and Cachar.

The increase in Goalpara is reported to have been almost entirely due to a large number of prosecutions under bye-laws recently published under the Muncipal Act. The increase in Sylhet occurred, as in the previous year, chiefly in respect of offences against property and offences under special laws, the increase under the former head being ascribed to the high prices of food and the pressure felt by the labouring classes. The increase in Lakhimpore occurred principally in respect of assaults and thefts and of offences under the Labour and Municipal Acts. The increase in Sibsagar appears to have been solely in offences under special laws, offences under the Penal Code showing a decrease. The decrease in the number of offences reported during the year in Nowgong occurred in offences under the Penal Code, the only noticeable fluctuations being an increase of 133 in offences affecting the human body and a decrease of 133 in the number of offences affecting property. The decrease in Cachar occurred under special laws.

Cases rejected or struck off as false.

8. Of the number of cases reported, the percentage rejected or struck off as false was 24·6, as compared with 25·4 in the previous year. The following are the figures under each of the heads mentioned :—

	Complaints rejected.	Cases struck off as false.
1892	6,698	939
1893	6,849	881

The proportion of cases rejected and struck off as false was, as in the three preceding years, highest in Lakhimpore (30·2) and lowest in Goalpara (14·8).

Cases accepted as true.

9. The number of cases accepted as true was 23,690, or 75·3 per cent. of the offences reported in 1893, as compared with 22,346 or 74·5 per cent. of the number reported in 1892.

10. The following comparative statement shows in detail the number of cases returned as true and the number of persons convicted during each of the past three years :— Details of cases returned as true and of persons convicted.

	Cases returned as true.			Persons convicted.		
	1891.	1892.	1893.	1891.	1892.	1893.
Offences under the Penal Code .	15,349	15,457	15,718	7,591	7,646	7,739
Offences against special and local laws	5,689	6,889	7,972	4,537	5,564	6,122
TOTAL .	21,038	22,346	23,690	12,128	13,210	13,861

The increase in the number of cases returned as true under the Penal Code was chiefly in respect of offences against property (588). It was greatest in Sylhet (186), Kamrup (179), Cachar (151), and Lakhimpore (143). Nowgong alone shows a decrease under this head. Offences affecting the human body exhibit a falling off, which occurred in the districts of Sylhet (352), Nowgong (172), and Kamrup (55). The Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet reports that this decrease is most noticeable under the heads of criminal force and assault, and indicates that the agricultural population had less money to spend last year on the luxury of litigation. The proportion of persons convicted in cases sent up as true shows a slight falling off in 1893, as compared with 1892, but is greater than in 1891.

11. The annexed tables C and D furnish details for each district and exhibit the number of true cases and of persons convicted under each head of crime during each of the last two years. Details for each district. *Tables C and D.*

12. No offence under Chapter VI or Chapter VII of the Indian Penal Code was reported during the year under review. Offences under Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.

13. The number of offences against the public tranquillity was 771, as compared with 770 in the previous year. The variations in the different districts are slight. The Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet reports that although offences against the public tranquillity show a trifling decrease, the number of persons convicted of such offences shows an increase. Most of the rioting cases which occurred are said to have been due to land disputes arising from the gradual extension of cultivation by which the area available for grazing purposes is being curtailed year after year. The largest number of riots was returned from the Sunamganj Subdivision, where a punitive guard had to be located and several persons appointed as special constables for the repression of this class of offence. Offences under Chapter VIII.

14. The number of offences relating to public servants was 374, the same as in the year 1892. There was an increase in offences of this class in the districts of Cachar (19), Goalpara (8), Sylhet (7) and Kamrup (1), and a decrease in the districts of Lakhimpore (14), Sibsagar (12), and Nowgong (9). In Darrang the number was the same as in the previous year. The decrease in Lakhimpore is attributed to the completion of the survey operations. Offences under Chapters IX and X.

15. The number of offences against public justice and false evidence was 316, as compared with 345 in the preceding year. The decrease occurred in the districts of Lakhimpore (19), Darrang (15), Sibsagar (11), Nowgong (8), and Goalpara (4). The remaining three districts show an increase. Offences under Chapter XI.

16. The number of offences reported relating to coins, stamps, and weights and measures decreased from 79 in 1892 to 64 in the past year. The decrease occurred chiefly in Cachar (14). Offences under Chapters XII and XIII.

17. The total number of reported offences affecting public health and decency was 252 as compared with 215 in the preceding year. The increase occurred chiefly in Sylhet (56). Offences under Chapters XIV and XV.

Offences under Chapter XVI.

18. The total number of reported offences against the human body was 8,608, as compared with 8,797 in the preceding year. The decrease occurred chiefly in Sylhet (204) and Kamrup (153); while Nowgong shows a marked increase of 133.

Offences under Chapter XVII.

19. The total number of reported offences against property increased from 10,499 in 1892 to 10,979 in the past year. The increase occurred in the districts of Sylhet (423), Lakhimpore (120), Kamrup (110), and Goalpara (74). The remaining four districts show a decrease, the greatest being in Nowgong (133).

Offences under Chapters XVIII to XXII.

20. The number of miscellaneous offences reported under Chapters XVIII to XXII of the Indian Penal Code was 1,398 as compared with 1,336 in the previous year. The increase occurred chiefly in the districts of Kamrup (53), Sibsagar (44), and Cachar (24). Three districts show a decrease: Sylhet (36), Darrang (24), and Nowgong (19). The number of true cases was 666, as against 583 in 1892. The proportion of convictions to trials for offences under these Chapters of the Code was 36·14, as compared with 31·2 in 1892. Darrang shows the highest proportion (60 per cent.), and Lakhimpore the lowest (14·63 per cent.).

Offences under special laws.

21. The number of reported offences against local and special laws shows a still further increase from 7,568 in 1892 to 8,658. The increase was most marked in Goalpara (476) and Sylhet (310), but was contributed to by all the districts except Cachar, which shows a decrease of 66.

Chief heads of crime.

22. The statement below shows the number of cases accepted as true, and the number of persons convicted under some of the chief heads of crime during each of the last two years:—

		Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted	
		1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
3, 4, 5	Offences affecting public tranquility	625	589	1,364	1,484
9	False evidence	48	61	18	34
15	Offences affecting public safety	60	53	35	24
19	Murder	43	29	4	20
21	Culpable homicide	31	30	8	14
30	Serious hurt	114	91	91	102
31, 34	Simple hurt and assault	5,406	4,988	2,209	1,985
26, 27	Causing miscarriage	1	4	...	0
40	Rape	15	19	3	3
42, 43	Theft	3,195	3,556	1,280	1,371
49, 50, 52	Dacoity	6	18	1	16
44 to 47	Robbery and extortion	54	67	17	21
60, 61	House-trespass and burglary	1,070	1,210	173	207
58	Mischief (serious)	310	300	70	63
70	Offences relating to marriage	238	319	28	24

Cases of murder.

23. Of the 20 persons shown as having been convicted of murder during the year, 17 were transported for life and 3 suffered capital punishment.

In the following districts the largest numbers of murders were reported during the last two years:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
Darrang	3	5	0	3
Lakhimpore	6	5	0	3
Sibsagar	5	6	0	3
Sylhet	18	14	2	3

No case of murder was reported from Nowgong during the year under review.

24. Cases of culpable homicide were reported from all the districts in the province, the largest number occurring, as in previous years, in Sylhet. Of 57 persons charged with this offence, 14 were convicted, 27 were acquitted, 2 died, and 24 remained under trial at the close of the year. Culpable homicide.

25. Cases of dacoity were reported from all the districts of the province except Nowgong and Sibsagar. Of the 41 persons charged with this offence, 16 were convicted, 23 were acquitted, and 2 remained under trial at the close of the year. Dacoity.

26. Of the total number of persons brought to trial for house-trespass, 207 were convicted, 102 were acquitted, and 25 remained under trial at the close of the year. The proportion of cases of this class brought to trial and that of convictions in those cases are compared with the corresponding results of 1892 in the annexed statement— House-trespass.

	Percentage			
	Of cases brought to trial.		Of persons convicted.	
	1892.	1893.	1892	1893.
Goalpara	18·5	20·1	74·07	58 5
Kamrup	42·1	20·2	87·8	70·
Nowgong	41·6	21·4	70·	69 2
Darrang	34·6	26·5	50·	56·
Sibsagar	22·9	27·2	76·7	83·3
Lakhimpore	28·5	23·1	69·4	53·3
Sylhet	9·1	13·9	45·3	69·7
Cachar	3·7	6 7	16·6	75·

27. The statistics of offences relating to marriage show that, of 711 offences reported during the year, 392, or 55·1, were either rejected or struck off as false. In the preceding year the percentage was 63·1. Offences relating to marriage.

The proportion of acquittals and discharges to the number of persons tried is given below:—

	Percentage acquitted or discharged.	
	1892.	1893.
Goalpara	50·	76·4
Kamrup	88·8	88·8
Nowgong	75·	85·7
Darrang	85·7	75·
Sibsagar	76·4	75·
Lakhimpore	66·6	94·7
Sylhet	79 9	85·1
Cachar	75·	100·

28. The following are the principal special laws, breaches of the provisions of which are reported to have occurred during the last two years:— Special laws.

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1892.	1893.	1892	1893
Arms Act	411	312	363	288
Artificers' and Workmen's Act	688	812	209	187
Emigration	1,137	1,252	1,140	1,078
Cattle Trespass Act	1,154	1,089	650	529
Excise Act	576	522	552	453
Municipal Acts	900	1,453	773	1,347
Police (District) Act	839	1,158	849	1,115

The decrease in the number of cases under the Arms Act occurred chiefly in Sylhet (56) and Cachar (31). The increase in the number of infringements of the Artificers' and Workmen's Act occurred in all the districts except Cachar, which shows a decrease. No such cases were returned from Goalpara. The increase was most marked in Sylhet (125) and is attributed to the demand for labour caused by the Assam-Bengal Railway works and to the opening out of many new tea-gardens both in the South Sylhet and Habiganj Subdivisions. The increase in the number of cases under the Emigration Act occurred principally in Darrang (87). Cachar and Sibsagar show a decrease under this head. All the districts except Sibsagar show a decrease in the number of offences under the Cattle Trespass Act. The decrease in the number of prosecutions under the Excise Act occurred only in the districts of Sibsagar (139), Darrang (36), and Nowgong (2); while the remaining districts show an increase, the greatest being in Sylhet (83). The Deputy Commissioner of Sibsagar reports that the decrease in his district is "supposed to be due partly to the stringency exercised in previous years and partly to a relaxation of prosecutions in cases of a petty nature where it was found that hardship was involved." The increase in Sylhet is reported to be "attributable to the greater activity shown by the police in detecting excise offences." Prosecutions under the Municipal Act increased in every district except Kamrup and Cachar, which show a decrease of 80 and 3 respectively as in previous years, and Nowgong and Darrang, where no such cases were reported. The increase in Goalpara (473), which was abnormal, is ascribed to the unusual activity of the Goalpara Municipality in pursuing with the full rigour of the law all owners of cattle that trespassed within the Municipality. Cases under the Police Act increased in the districts of Sibsagar (107), Darrang (76), Kamrup (50), Sylhet (39), and Cachar (38); while in Goalpara, Nowgong, and Lakhimpore there was a decrease of 37, 30, and 18, respectively.

Miscellaneous cases under the Code of Criminal Procedure.

29. In Table F will be found statistics regarding the miscellaneous proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure, taken during 1893.

Chapter VI, Section 485.

30. No proceedings against witnesses under Section 485 of the Code of Criminal Procedure have been taken during the past four years.

Chapter VIII.

31. The number of cases decided, and that of persons required to give security under Chapter VIII of the Code during the past two years, are as follows:—

	Cases decided.		Persons convicted.	
	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
Chapter VIII (Security for keeping the peace) .	142	160	259	251
" " (Security for good behaviour) .	112	149	60	84

As in previous years, the largest number of these cases was returned from Sylhet. The increase in the number of cases in which proceedings were instituted for the preservation of the peace occurred in the districts of Sylhet (20), Kamrup (12), Goalpara (1), and Cachar (1); while there was a decrease of 7 each in the districts of Darrang and Lakhimpore and of one each in the districts of Nowgong and Sibsagar. Of 460 persons in the whole province proceeded against, 251 were required to furnish security, and of this number 149 were bound down after conviction of offences actually committed. Proceedings in regard to security for good behaviour were instituted in 139 cases in the district of Sylhet, and in the other districts it varied from 1 to 6, except in Nowgong

and Darrang, where there were no such cases. Of the 84 persons who were required to furnish security for good behaviour, 73 were unable to furnish such security, and of these 70 were ordered by Magistrates to be imprisoned in default for terms not exceeding one year, and 3 to terms exceeding that period, the orders in the case of these latter being duly confirmed.

32. Proceedings for the suppression of local nuisances were taken in 32 cases in 1893, as compared with 37 in 1892. These cases occurred in the districts of Sylhet (18), Lakhimpore (8), Cachar (3), Sibsagar (2), and Darrang (1). The total number of persons concerned was 62. The orders initiating the proceedings were made absolute as against 46 of the defendants. Chapter X.

33. The number of cases referred under Section 138 of the Code was 39, as compared with 20 in the preceding year. In all of these cases the Jury either confirmed the orders of the Magistrate or modified them so slightly that the alteration was accepted by the Court.

34. The number of cases instituted under Chapter XII of the Code of Criminal Procedure, regarding the possession of tangible immoveable property, was 9 as compared with 6 in the previous year. These cases occurred in the districts of Kamrup (4), Sibsagar (2), Sylhet (2), and Cachar (1). Chapter XII.

35. Nine cases of Jurors or Assessors dealt with under the provisions of Section 332 of the Code of Criminal Procedure were reported in 1893, as against 5 in the previous year. These cases occurred in Kamrup (5) and Lakhimpore and Sibsagar (2 each). Penalties were inflicted on 16 persons: 6 in Kamrup, 6 in Lakhimpore, and 4 in Sibsagar. Chapter XXIII, Section 332.

36. Proceedings under Chapter XXXVI of the Code of Criminal Procedure were taken against 102 persons, as compared with 109 in the previous year. Of these 39 were ordered to provide maintenance and 62 were discharged, the case of the remaining person being undecided at the close of the year. As in previous years, cases of this class were most common in Sibsagar (33) and Lakhimpore (25). Chapter XXXVI.

37. Proceedings for the forfeiture of bail or recognizances under Chapter XLII of the Code were taken against 229 persons, as against 300 in 1892, and forfeiture was ordered in the case of 165 persons. Chapter XLII.

38. The number of complainants ordered to pay compensation to accused persons, against whom it was found that frivolous or vexatious complaints had been lodged, was 136, as compared with 138 in the preceding year. The amount of compensation awarded in connection with these cases amounted to Rs. 1,851, as against Rs. 1,625-8-0 in 1892. Chapter XLVI, Section 560.

39. The general results of Criminal trials during the period reviewed is given in the following table:— Result of trials in all Courts. *Tables A 1 and B 1.*

	1892.	1893.
Acquitted or discharged	7,988	8,297
Convicted	13,210	13,861
Percentage convicted	62·3	62·5

The percentage of persons convicted to persons tried was slightly higher than in 1892. It was highest in Sibsagar (74·12 per cent.) and lowest in Nowgong (51·79 per cent.)

40. Statement 8, which furnishes details as to the general results of the trials of European British subjects, shows that during the year under review 50 cases involving 52 persons came before the Criminal Courts of the province, the largest number being reported, as in the previous two years, from Sibsagar (19) and Lakhimpore (14). As in 1892, no cases were reported from Goalpara and Trial of European British subjects. *Statement 8.*

Kamrup. Thirteen persons were charged with assault, 5 in Lakhimpore, and 2 each in Darrang, Nowgong, Sibsagar, and Sylhet. Ten persons were charged with hurt, 4 in Sibsagar, 3 in Lakhimpore, 2 in Cachar, and 1 in Darrang. Sixteen persons were charged with offences under special laws, 9 in Sibsagar, 4 in Lakhimpore, and 1 each in Darrang, Sylhet, and Cachar. Two persons in Cachar and one person in Darrang claimed to be tried by a mixed jury. None of the cases reported were dealt with by an officer who was not himself an European British subject.

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III.—THE HIGH COURT.

41. No cases of European British subjects were committed by the Criminal Courts in Assam to the High Court in its Original Jurisdiction.

IV.—COURTS OF SESSION.

Number of Original Cases. *Table E.*

42. Statistics of cases, inclusive of references under Sections 34 and 123 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, brought to trial, decided and pending in Courts of Sessions in Assam during the years 1892 and 1893, are given below :—

	Brought to trial.	* Decided.	Pending.
1892	91	81	24
1893	108	116	15

* Inclusive of cases pending from the previous year.

The increase in the number of Sessions trials occurred in all the districts except Nowgong and Lakhimpore, which show a slight decrease of one each. The increase was greatest in Sylhet (6) and Sibsagar (4).

The following statement shows the number of days devoted by the Judge of the Assam Valley Districts during each of the past five years to Criminal Judicial work :—

1889	46
1890	69
1891	63
1892	54
1893	65

References under Section 34, Criminal Procedure Code. *See Statement 4.*

43. The number of references to Courts of Session for confirmation of sentences passed by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure was 13, as compared with 8 in the previous year. All of these references were disposed of during the year. No such references were made during the past year by the Deputy Commissioners of Darrang and Sylhet.

Average duration of cases.

44. The average duration of cases tried on commitment and of references under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure disposed of by the Courts of Session in each of the last two years is given below :—

	Average number of days during which each case lasted.					
	Assam Valley Districts.		Sylhet.		Cachar.	
	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
Cases of persons committed	44·5	49·32	56·18	48·9	40	61
Cases referred under Section 34, Code of Criminal Procedure	26	16·2	...	...	23	31

45. Inclusive of persons whose cases remained undecided at the close of 1892, the total number of persons under trial in the several Courts of Sessions in the Province was 265. Of these 1 died, 240 were tried, and 24 remained under trial at the close of the year. Number of persons committed.

46. The results of trials in each of the last two years are shown in the subjoined statement:— Results of trials as affecting persons. *Table G.*

	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Referred.
1892	79	66	2
1893	108	122	10

47. Sentences of death passed subject to confirmation by the High Court being included, the proportion of persons convicted was 54·8 per cent., as compared with 45·5 per cent. in the previous year. This proportion was highest in Lakhimpore (80 per cent.) and lowest in Darrang (17·3 per cent.). Convictions.

48. Annual Statement 7 shows that 59 persons were tried by Jury in the Sessions Courts of the Assam Valley Districts during the past year, as compared with 30 in 1892. In the case of 58 of these, the Judge approved of the verdict of the Jury, and in that of the remaining person he disagreed with the verdict but did not consider it necessary to refer the case to the High Court under Section 307 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Jury Trials. *Statement 7.*

49. The number of persons tried with the assistance of Assessors in the Sessions Courts at Sylhet and Cachar was 142, as compared with 101 in 1892. In the case of 95 persons the Sessions Judge concurred with the Assessors, in that of 20 persons he differed from the opinion of one or more, and in the case of 27 persons he rejected the finding of both the Assessors. Trial by Assessors.

Ten persons were tried with the aid of Assessors during the year under review by the Judge of the Assam Valley Districts. The Judge agreed with the Assessors in the case of 9 persons, and in the case of the other person he rejected the opinions of both.

50. The number of witnesses examined in the Courts of Sessions was 778, as against 497 in the preceding year. The increase occurred in all the districts except Lakhimpore. Witnesses examined. *Table J.*

The number of witnesses discharged without examination was 679, as against 399 in 1892.

51. The amount of diet money paid to witnesses attending Sessions was Rs. 1,487, as compared with Rs. 895 in the preceding year. Of this sum, only Rs. 98 were expended in the Sessions Courts of the Assam Valley Districts, and the balance in the Sessions Courts at Sylhet and Cachar. Witnesses' expenses.

52. The total number of witnesses in attendance before the Courts of Sessions (inclusive of those discharged without examination) was 1,457, as compared with 896 in the previous year. Of the 72 persons discharged after the third day, 57 were detained in the Sessions Court at Cachar and 15 in the Sessions Court at Sylhet. The Sessions Judge explains that the detention of witnesses beyond the third day at Cachar was owing to the fact that one case, in which 18 witnesses appeared, lasted from the 19th to the 22nd May, the 21st being a Sunday; and that another case in which 55 witnesses attended lasted from the 14th to the 20th September. As regards the 15 persons who were detained beyond the third day in the Sessions Court at Sylhet, the Sessions Judge Detention of witnesses. *Table K.*

* NUMBER OF WITNESSES DISCHARGED.

	On the first day.	On the second day.	On the third day.	After the third day.
1892 .	549	238	28	81
1893 .	909	309	167	72

states that the case in which these witnesses appeared lasted for four days, from the 14th to the 17th August 1893, and that a holiday intervened.

V.—COURTS OF MAGISTRATES.

Number of cases. *Table E.*

53. The number of cases brought to trial, decided and pending in the Courts of Magistrates during each of the past two years is shown below:—

	Brought to trial	Decided.*	Pending.
1892	14,079	14,090	327
1893	15,103	15,032	364

* Inclusive of cases pending from the previous year.

The increase occurred in the districts of Sylhet (589), Goalpara (447), Cachar (134), Kamrup (132), and Lakhimpore (108); while a decrease is shown against the districts of Nowgong (292), Sibsagar (55), and Darrang (39).

The number of cases disposed of during the year, although greater than in 1892, was less than the number brought to trial. The pending files were, therefore, heavier at the close of the year than at its commencement.

Summary trials. *Statement 4.*

54. The total number of cases tried summarily by Magistrates is shown in the following statement:—

	1892.	1893.
Tried under ordinary procedure	8,263	8,776
„ summarily	5,827	6,256
TOTAL .	11,090	15,032

Of the number of cases tried during the year, 41·6 per cent., as compared with 41·3 per cent. in 1892, were dealt with summarily. There was an increase in the number of summary trials in the districts of Goalpara (554), Lakhimpore (285), Darrang (190), and Sibsagar (46); and a decrease in the remaining districts of Sylhet (291), Kamrup (213), Nowgong (113), and Cachar (29). Of the 6,256 cases tried summarily, 291 were tried by the Deputy Commissioners of the six districts in the Assam Valley, 37 by the Deputy Commissioner of Cachar, and the remaining 5,928 cases by Assistant and Extra Assistant Commissioners exercising powers of the first class. No cases were tried by the Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet under the summary procedure.

Disposal of cases.

55. The following statement shows the number of cases decided by the several grades of Magistrates during the last two years:—

		1892.	1893.
Subordinate Magistrates	Stipendiary	12,190	13,301
	Honorary	1,040	1,048
District and Divisional Magistrates . . .	Cases referred under Sections 347, 349, Criminal Procedure Code	31	29
Chief Magistrates of Districts	Under ordinary powers . .	796	603
	Under special powers . .	33	51

56. The 51 cases disposed of under the powers conferred by Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure were distributed throughout all the districts of the Assam Valley and Cachar. The Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet has not been invested with such powers, there being a resident Sessions Judge in that district. References under Section 34, Criminal Procedure Code.

Thirteen cases involving 22 persons were referred to Courts of Sessions for confirmation of the sentences passed.

57. The number of references under Sections 347 and 349 of the Code of Criminal Procedure made by Subordinate to District Magistrates with a view to the passing of severer sentences was 28 as against 32 in the previous year. References under Sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code.

58. No cases were referred to Courts of Sessions under Section 123 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Cases under Section 123, Criminal Procedure Code.

59. The average duration of cases decided by Magistrates of each class in each of the last two years is shown below :— Average duration of cases.

	Average number of days each case lasted.					
	Assam Valley Districts.		Sylhet.		Cachar.	
	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
Honorary Magistrates	9·16	8	8·68	9·11	...	...
Stipendiary Magistrates	8·1	6·2	10 7	10 5	15·6	14·2
District Magistrates	8 09	8·2	6 27	2·2	10·1	8·3

60. The total number of persons under trial in the Courts of Magistrates during the year under review was 22,884,* as compared with 21,866* in the previous year.

* These figures include remanets from the previous year, and also double entries in the cases of persons referred to another Court for a higher punishment and of persons transferred from one district to another.

61. Details are given below of the manner in which the persons brought to trial during the past two years appeared before the Courts :—

	1892.	1893.
Under arrest	9,808	10,285
Upon warrant	2,056	2,489
On summons	8,670	8,862
Voluntarily	663	627
	21,197	22,263

62. Exclusive of the number of persons who were committed to the Sessions or whose cases were referred to a higher tribunal, the total number of those whose cases were decided by Magistrates during 1893 was 21,919, as compared with 21,053 in 1892 and 20,136 in 1891. Results of trials as affecting persons. *Table H.*

The results of trials in each of the years 1892 and 1893 are given below :—

	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.
1892	7,909	13,144	216
1893	8,185	13,734	273

Of the total number of persons acquitted or discharged and convicted, 62·6 per cent. were convicted as against 62·4 per cent. in 1892. The districts in which the ratio of convictions was highest are Sibsagar (74·13 per cent.), Darrang (69·52 per cent.), and Goalpara (68·5 per cent.). It was lowest in Nowgong (51·7 per cent.).. A falling off in the percentage of convictions

occurred in the districts of Nowgong (to the extent of 8·3 per cent.), Cachar (to the extent of 3·4 per cent), Lakhimpore (to the extent of ·30 per cent.), and Sylhet (to the extent of ·19 per cent.).

Mode of trial and sentences passed.

63. The mode of trial and the sentences passed in cases which ended in conviction are shown in the following table:—

Statement 4.

	On regular trial.	On summary trial.
Appealable sentences passed	4,468	76
Non-appealable sentences passed	2,957	6,233
TOTAL	7,425	6,309

On a comparison of these figures with those given in the report for 1892, it will be observed that the percentage of persons on whom appealable sentences were passed after regular trial, fell from 61·6 per cent. in 1892 to 60·1 per cent. in the year under review, and the percentage of persons on whom appealable sentences were passed after summary trial, from 1·4 per cent. in 1892 to 1·2.

64. The following were the classes of Courts before which the trials resulting in the summary conviction of persons were held:—

	Appealable sentences passed.	Non-appealable sentences passed.
Subordinate Stipendiary Magistrates	75	5,929
District Magistrates	1	304
TOTAL	76	6,233
	6,309	

65. The following comparative statement gives the results of trials during the past two years before the Magistrates of each class:—

	Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted.		Percentage convicted.	
	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
Honorary Magistrates	716	744	1,020	956	58·7	56·2
Subordinate Stipendiary Magistrates	6,739	7,121	11,232	12,202	62·5	63·1
District Magistrates	454	320	874	576	65·8	64·2

Pending files.
Table I.

66. Exclusive of lunatics, the total number of persons awaiting trial in Magistrates' Courts at the close of 1893 was 599. The details furnished on the margin show the nature of the orders under which they remained under trial, and the following statement compares the duration of the pending trials in each of the past two years:—

In custody	78
On bail	484
On recognisance	22
Otherwise	15
TOTAL	599

	1892.	1893.
More than three months	11	22
More than two months	28	10
More than one month	58	75
Not exceeding one month	428	492

Of the 22 persons shown as having been under trial for more than three months at the close of the year, 12 were from Cachar, 8 from Sylhet, and 2 from Kamrup.

Witnesses examined.
Table J.

67. The total number of witnesses examined was 48,092, as compared with 50,135 in the preceding year. The decrease occurred in the districts of Nowgong (1,006), Sibsagar (922), Kamrup (519), Darrang (497), and Cachar (88);

while the remaining districts of Sylhet, Goalpara, and Lakhimpore show an increase of 743, 403, and 63 respectively.

The number of witnesses discharged without examination was 15,201, as compared with 14,277 in the preceding year.

68. The amount of diet money and expenses paid to witnesses during the past year was Rs. 817, or Rs. 106 less than the sum so paid in 1892. There was a decrease in the districts of Lakhimpore (167), Darrang (100), Sylhet (33), Kamrup (12), and Nowgong (3); and an increase in the remaining districts of Goalpara (97), Sibsagar (52), and Cachar (50). Expenses of witnesses.

69. The figures reproduced on the margin show the detention of witnesses in the Courts of Magistrates during each of the last two years. The largest number of detentions for over three days occurred in Cachar (103). In Sibsagar 56 witnesses were detained beyond the third day, in Sylhet 30, in Goalpara 13, in Nowgong 9, and in Kamrup 5. No such detentions occurred in the Courts of Magistrates in the districts of Darrang and Lakhimpore. Explanations regarding these detentions have been received and dealt with by the High Court. Detention of witnesses.

	On the first day.	On the second day.	On the third day.	After the third day.
1892 . .	53,670	9,285	1,324	133
1893 . .	53,385	8,576	1,116	216

VI.—PUNISHMENTS.

70. The cases of 10 persons were referred to the High Court under Section 374 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for confirmation of the sentence of death. The High Court acquitted 4 persons, confirmed the sentence in the case of 3 persons, and commuted the sentence in the case of 1 person to transportation for life. Of the remaining 2 persons, the case of 1 was remanded to the Lower Court for re-trial and that of the other remained undecided at the close of the year. Death. *Statement 5.*

71. The number of persons sentenced to transportation by the Courts of Sessions was 30, of whom 23 were transported for life. Transportation.

72. The nature of the other sentences passed by the Courts of Sessions during the past year is indicated below:— Other sentences.

Imprisonment	Rigorous	89
	Simple	...
Fine		14

The punishment of rigorous imprisonment was combined with solitary confinement in the case of 2 persons, and of the 14 persons on whom sentences of fine were passed, 7 were so sentenced in addition to imprisonment.

The periods for which imprisonment was awarded are given on the margin. These figures include the sentences of rigorous imprisonment passed by Sessions Judges upon 14 persons, whose cases were referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. One other person, whose case was similarly referred, was sentenced to transportation.

Not exceeding 15 days	...
„ „ 6 months	10
„ „ 2 years	26
„ „ 7 years	47
Above 7 years	9

73. The following table furnishes details regarding the fines imposed and realised by Courts of Sessions during the past two years:— Fines (Sessions Courts). *Table L.*

	Imposed.	Realised.*	Paid by way of compensation.
	R	R	R
1892	400	245	...
1893	125	189	...

* Inclusive of arrears unrealised in previous years.

Punishment awarded by Magistrates. *Statement 5.*

74. The number of persons sentenced by Magistrates to imprisonment, fine, or whipping was as follows:—

	1892.	1893.
Imprisonment	3,708	3,762
Fine	9,237	9,566
Whipping	360	417

75. Besides the persons shown in the above statement, 200 workmen were ordered to fulfil their contracts, 251 persons, of whom 149 had been convicted of offences involving a breach of the peace, were required to give security or to enter into recognisances for keeping the peace, and 81 were required to furnish security for good behaviour, 70 of them being, in default, sentenced to undergo imprisonment.

Imprisonment (Magistrates' Courts).

76. Of the 3,762 persons sentenced to imprisonment, 120 were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment combined with solitary confinement, 3,556 to rigorous imprisonment alone, and 86 to simple imprisonment.

Fines (Magistrates' Courts). *Table L.*

77. The amount of fines imposed by Magistrates in the exercise of their original jurisdiction was Rs. 99,215, as compared with Rs. 96,814 in 1892, and the amount inclusive of arrears realised was Rs. 87,909, or 88·6 per cent. of the actual amount imposed during the year, as against Rs. 93,687, or 96·7 per cent., in 1892. There was an increase in the districts of Sylhet (Rs. 7,768), Cachar (Rs. 4,781), Kamrup (Rs. 1,353), and Goalpara (Rs. 266); and a decrease in the remaining districts of Nowgong (Rs. 4,492), Sibsagar (Rs. 3,193), Lakhimpore (Rs. 2,561), and Darrang (Rs. 1,578).

The proportion of fines realised to fines imposed was highest in Sibsagar (99·9 per cent.) and lowest in Cachar (72·1 per cent.). In the other districts it varied from 83·2 to 93·08 per cent.

Compensation.

78. The amount awarded as compensation was Rs. 14,386 as compared with Rs. 12,624 in the preceding year. The increase occurred in five districts, the other three districts, Goalpara, Nowgong and Darrang, showing a decrease.

Particulars regarding sentences of whipping. *Table L. 1.*

79. The following statement shows the number of sentences of whipping awarded and of other punishments inflicted in cases in which whipping might have been awarded during the past two years:—

		1892.			1893.		
		Total number of whippings awarded.	Total number of other punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded.	Percentage of whippings	Total number of whippings awarded.	Total number of other punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded.	Percentage of whippings.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	36	87	29·26	40	127	23·9
	Kamrup	27	89	23·27	39	106	26·89
	Nowgong	37	117	24·02	27	109	19·85
	Darrang	69	73	48·59	52	113	31·51
	Sibsagar	69	282	19·65	93	224	29·33
	Lakhimpore	25	144	14·79	35	134	20·71
Sylhet		75	444	14 45	109	568	16·1
Cachar		22	124	15 06	22	219	9·1
	TOTAL	360	1,360	20·9	417	1,600	20 67

The increase in the number of sentences of whipping occurred in all the districts except Darrang and Nowgong, which show a decrease of 17 and 10, and Cachar, where the number was the same as in the previous year. The increase was most marked in Sylhet (34).

Year.	Number of whippings inflicted.	Number of convicted persons who rendered themselves liable to whipping.
1891 . . .	364	1,758
1892 . . .	360	1,720
1893 . . .	417	2,017

The figures given on the margin show the number of persons sentenced to whipping and the number of persons who rendered themselves liable to this form of punishment during each of the years 1891, 1892, and 1893.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

VII.—THE HIGH COURT.

80. The number of appeals instituted, decided, and pending in the High Court during the past two years was as follows:— Number of appeals. *Table P.*

	Instituted.		Decided.*		Pending.	
	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
Assam Valley Districts . .	7	27	5	27	2	2
Sylhet	27	19	26	21	2	...
Cachar	3	9	3	9	...	...
Total .	37	55	34	57	4	2

* Inclusive of cases pending from the previous year.

81. There was a still further increase during the past year in the number of appeals instituted. The increase occurred in appeals from the Assam Valley Districts and from Cachar, Sylhet alone showing a decrease. Of the appeals filed in 1893, 5 were from sentences passed by Magistrates under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and the remainder were appeals by persons convicted by Sessions Judges. No appeal has for the past six years been preferred by the Local Government against a judgment of acquittal recorded by any of the Sessions Courts in the Province. Persons who appealed. *Table R.*

The statement below shows the number of appealable sentences passed in each of the past two years:—

		1892.	1893.
Persons convicted (in whose cases the sentence passed was appealable).	By Deputy Commissioners in the exercise of special powers under Section 34	15	15
	By Courts of Session . .	48	64

It will be observed that there was an increase in the number of appealable sentences passed, and this probably accounts for the increase in the number of appeals preferred.

Results of appeals as affecting cases.

82. The following statement shows the result of appeals decided during each of the last two years :—

	Assam Valley Districts.		Sylhet.		Cachar.		Total.	
	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
Conviction affirmed . . .	3	17	21	16	3	7	27	40
„ reversed . . .	...	2	5	2	...	2	5	6
„ varied . . .	2	2	...	3	...	...	2	5
Re-trial ordered . . .	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3
Otherwise decided . . .	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3

Twenty-two appeals were preferred in 1893 against the sentences of the Sessions Court in the Assam Valley Districts, as compared with 6 in the preceding year. In addition to these, 1 each was pending from the previous year from Darrang and Sibsagar. The orders in 15 cases were affirmed, 4 from Sibsagar, 3 from Lakhimpore, and 2 each from Goalpara, Kamrup, Nowgong, and Darrang; in 1 case from Lakhimpore the order was modified; in 3 cases, one each from Nowgong, Lakhimpore, and Sibsagar, re-trials were ordered; and 2 appeals remained unheard at the close of the year. Five appeals were also presented to the High Court from sentences passed by Deputy Commissioners in the exercise of the powers conferred under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 2 each from Kamrup and Nowgong and 1 from Goalpara. The orders in 2 cases, 1 each from Kamrup and Nowgong, were affirmed, and the orders in the other 2 cases from the same districts were reversed. The order in the case from Goalpara was modified.

Nineteen appeals were preferred during the year against the sentences of the Sessions Judge of Sylhet, and 2 were pending from the previous year. The orders of the Lower Courts were affirmed in 16 cases, reversed in 2, and modified in 3. Nine appeals were preferred from Cachar. In 7 cases the orders of the Sessions Court were affirmed and in 2 they were reversed.

Results of appeals as affecting persons. *Table Q.*

83. The results of appeals during the past two years as affecting the persons convicted are given below :—

	Persons involved.	
	1892.	1893.
Appeals rejected	22	31
Sentences confirmed	11	20
„ enhanced	...	...
„ reduced or altered	2	13
„ reversed or quashed	9	11
New trial ordered	...	4

Results of admitted appeals.

84 The results of admitted appeals were as follows :—

	Percentage.			
	Jury Districts (*i.e.*, Assam Valley Districts).		Assessor Districts (*i.e.*, Sylhet and Cachar).	
	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
Order of Lower Courts affirmed .	50·	42·1	50·	41·3
Sentences reduced . . .	50·	26·3	...	27·6
„ reversed . . .	...	10·5	50·	31·1
New trial ordered . . .	...	21·1	...	...

VIII.—APPELLATE COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

85. The following comparative table shows the number of appeals preferred to, decided by, and pending before Courts of Sessions and District Magistrates' Courts during the past two years:— Appeals filed, decided, and pending. *Table M.*

	Filed.		Decided.*		Pending.	
	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
Courts of Session . . .	498	535	509	522	12	24
„ „ Magistrates . .	436	411	433	412	23	22
TOTAL . .	934	946	942	934	35	46

* Inclusive of cases pending from the previous year.

The increase in the number of appeals to Courts of Sessions occurred chiefly in the districts of Cachar (44) and Kamrup (25). In Nowgong the number was the same as in the previous year, while there was a decrease in the districts of Sylhet (27), Sibsagar (12), and Darrang (8).

The decrease in the number of appeals filed in District Magistrates' Courts occurred in all the districts except Sylhet, which shows an increase of 78. The decrease was most marked in Kamrup (38) and Cachar (29). No appeals were filed during the year in the District Magistrate's Court at Lakhimpore. This is accounted for by the fact that with the exception of one Honorary Magistrate with 3rd class powers, who disposed of no work, and 1 special Magistrate, under Section 14 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, who decided only 3 cases during the year, all the Magistrates employed in the district were of the 1st class.

86. The number of persons who appealed in 1893 was 1,646, or 36·2 per cent. of the total number of those on whom appealable sentences were passed. The corresponding percentage for 1892 was 31·5. The orders of the Lower Courts were upheld in the cases of 1,053 or 63·2 per cent. of the number whose appeals were heard. The percentage in 1892 was 61·8. Ratio of appeals to persons having the right of appeal. *See Table O.*

The following statement shows in greater detail the results of the appeals decided during the past year:—

		Appeals rejected or sentence confirmed.	Sentence reduced or otherwise altered.	Sentence reversed or proceedings quashed.	New trial or further enquiry ordered.
Valley Districts	Magistrates' Courts . .	89	25	43	...
	Court of Sessions . . .	238	27	68	1
Sylhet and Cachar	Magistrates' Courts . .	403	74	88	1
	Court of Sessions . .	323	95	158	...
Total	Magistrates' Courts . .	492	99	131	1
	Courts of Sessions . . .	561	122	226	1
	GRAND TOTAL .	1,053	221	357	2

SUPERINTENDENCE, REFERENCE, AND REVISION.

IX.—THE HIGH COURT.

Number of cases. *Table R.*

87. The number of Criminal cases from the Province of Assam dealt with by the High Court as a Court of Reference during the year is shown below:—

	Pending 1892.	Filed 1893.	Disposed of 1893.	Pending 1893.
References under Section 307, Criminal Procedure Code	1	...	1	...
„ „ „ 341 „ „ „	...	...	...	...
„ „ „ 374 „ „ „	1	6	6	1
TOTAL .	2	6	7	1

References under Sections 307 and 341, Criminal Procedure Code.

88. No case under either Section 307 or Section 341 of the Code of Criminal Procedure was referred to the High Court during the year by any Court in the Province.

One reference under Section 307, which was pending from 1892, was disposed of during the year under review. The High Court disagreed with the verdict of acquittal found by the jury and convicted the accused of murder, sentencing him to transportation for life.

References under Section 374, Criminal Procedure Code.

89. The cases of ten persons were referred during the past year under Section 374 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for confirmation of the sentence of death, 4 from Cachar, 3 from Sibsagar, and 1 each from Kamrup, Darrang, and Lakhimpore; and 1 case from Sylhet was pending from the previous year. The results of these references have already been stated under the head "Punishments" at page 13.

References under Sections 435 and 438, Criminal Procedure Code.

90. Seventy-nine cases were dealt with by the High Court in the exercise of its powers of revision. Of these 30 were referred under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure by District Magistrates, 5 were dealt with under Section 526, and the remaining 44 were taken up by the Court of its own motion under Section 435. In 1892 25 cases under Section 438 and 34 under Section 435 were dealt with. Five cases were pending on the files at the close of 1893.

The 44 cases dealt with by the High Court under Section 435 concerned orders passed by the following officers:—

Judge of the Assam Valley Districts at Lakhimpore	1
Sessions Judge of Sylhet	2
Deputy Commissioner and other Subordinate Magistrates at Goalpara .	5
„ „ „ „ „ Kamrup .	5
„ „ „ „ „ Nowgong .	2
„ „ „ „ „ Darrang .	2
„ „ „ „ „ Lakhimpore	2
„ „ „ „ „ Sibsagar .	13
„ „ „ „ „ Sylhet .	12
TOTAL .	44

Of the 30 references under Section 438 of the Code dealt with during the year, 18 were received from Sylhet, 3 each from Goalpara and Cachar, 2 each from Kamrup and Darrang, and 1 each from Lakhimpore and Sibsagar.

91. The following statement shows in detail for each district the results (as affecting cases) of the proceedings in revision :— Results of proceedings in revision as affecting cases.

		Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	New trial ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.	
Court of Session.	Valley Districts	..	...	...	1	..	1
	Sylhet and Cachar	1	...	1	...	...	2
District Magistrates	Valley Districts	5	...	...	...	...	5
	Sylhet	3	1	...	...	...	4
	Cachar	...	1	...	...	...	1
Others	Valley Districts	17	10	3	3	...	33
	Sylhet	7	8	2	9	...	26
	Cachar	...	2	...	...	...	2
Total		33	22	6	13	...	74

The orders of the Lower Courts were upheld in 44·6 per cent. of the cases decided in 1893, as compared with 57·6 per cent. in 1892, and reversed in 29·7 per cent. as compared with 25·4 per cent. in the preceding year.

92. The table below furnishes details of the results of proceedings in revision (as affecting persons convicted) during each of the last two years :— Results of proceedings in revision as affecting persons.

	1892.	1893.
Applications rejected	71	44
Orders confirmed	29	17
Sentence enhanced	1	...
„ reduced or altered	8	23
„ reversed or quashed	50	38
New trial or further inquiry ordered	8	30
Total	167	152

X.—SUBORDINATE COURTS.

93. The following table shows for each of the last two years the number of applications for revision perferred to, decided by, and pending in, the Courts of Sessions Judges and District Magistrates:— Number of applications for revision preferred, disposed of, and pending. *Table N.*

		Preferred.		Decided.*		Pending.	
		1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
Valley Districts.	Sessions Judges	63	72	62	68	4	8
	Magistrates	100	72	100	71	...	1
Sylhet and Cachar.	Sessions Judges	142	160	142	155	9	14
	Magistrates	94	113	96	108	3	8
Total	Sessions Judges	205	232	204	223	13	22
	Magistrates	194	185	196	179	3	9

* Inclusive of cases pending from the previous year.

The increase in the number of applications for revision made to Courts of Session occurred chiefly in Cachar (10) and Sylhet (8). No such applications were filed during the year in the Sessions Court at Nowgong. The most noticeable decrease in the number of such applications made to Magistrates' Courts occurred in Kamrup (20), Sibsagar (15), and Cachar (15). Sylhet, however, shows an increase of 34.

Results of revision as affecting persons. *Statement 6.*

94. The following statement shows more fully the results of revision in the Subordinate Appellate Courts as affecting persons:—

		Applications rejected or orders confirmed.	Orders reversed or proceedings quashed.	New trial or further inquiry ordered.	Orders varied.	Referred.
Courts of Session.	Valley Districts	109	...	27	...	11
	Sylhet and Cachar	433	1	13	...	46
District Magistrates.	Valley Districts	72	21	22	...	3
	Sylhet	251	10	117	...	4
	Cachar	16	...	8	...	...
	Total	881	32	187	...	64

XI.—FINANCIAL.

Receipts and charges of the Criminal Courts. *Table S.*

93. The receipts and charges of all the Criminal Courts for the past two years were as follows:—

	Receipts.	Charges.	Excess of charges over receipts.
	R	R	R
1892	1,47,733	2,03,900	56,167
1893	1,46,713	2,19,308*	72,595
Decrease in receipts and increase in charges in 1893 as compared with 1892.	1,020	15,408	16,428

* Including Exchange Compensation Allowance.

Financial results.

96. In the Magistrates' Courts in the Assam Valley Districts, the excess of expenditure over receipts amounted to R33,922, as against R21,994 in 1892, and the excess of expenditure over receipts in Cachar amounted to R11,504 as compared with R9,472 in 1892. In Sylhet, however, there was a surplus of R1,476 in the year under review, as against a deficit of R4,495 in the preceding year. A decrease in receipts occurred in the districts of Nowgong, Darrang, Sibsagar, and Lakhimpore, the remaining four districts showing an increase. The expenditure incurred rose in all the districts except Goalpara and Darrang.

In Sessions Courts the receipts were R1,246 as compared with R948 in the preceding year, and the expenditure R29,891 as against R21,154 in 1892.

Receipts in detail.

97. The details of receipts in Magistrates' Courts given in the statement below show an increase under all the heads except "Fines." The receipts of Courts of Session show an increase under all the heads.

	Stamps				Cash			
	Process fees.		Other fees.		Fines.		Miscellaneous (including copying and comparing fees).	
	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892	1893.	1892	1893
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Magistrates' Courts	18,129	18,729	34,436	36,008	85,371	79,801	8,849	10,929
Sessions Courts	...	...	513	637	255	334	180	275
Total	18,129	18,729	34,949	36,645	85,626	80,135	9,029	11,204

98. The following statement, which gives details regarding the charges of the Criminal Courts for the past two years, shows that during 1893 there was a slight decrease under the head "Establishment." Charges in detail.

	Salaries of Judicial Officers.		Establishment.				Contingencies and refunds including fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment.	
			Process-servers.		Others.			
	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Magistrates' Courts . .	1,17,445	1,23,864	7,377	7,700	39,576	39,491	18,348	18,362
Courts of Sessions . .	15,559	23,920	...	...	3,886	3,292	1,709	2,679
TOTAL .	1,33,004	1,47,784	7,377	7,700	43,462	42,783	20,057	21,041

99. The system under which copies of documents required by parties are prepared, brought in a surplus to the credit of Government of R2,404, as compared with R2,185 realised in 1892. The following figures give the details:—

	R	R
Copying and comparing fees deposited by parties . . .		6,634
Salaries of copying and comparing clerks . .	75*	
Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment .	4,155	4,230
Surplus . .		2,404

100. The "expedition fees" levied from parties in urgent need of copies are not included in this surplus, but are treated in the accounts as "Miscellaneous receipts."

101. The receipts and charges on account of the service of processes in the Criminal Courts in Assam are shown in the margin. These figures exhibit a surplus of R11,029, as compared with R10,752, the profits realised in 1892.

	R
Receipts	18,729
Charges	7,700
	11,029

102. As explained in the reports for previous years, no charge on account of the High Court is included in the tables given in this report.

* This amount represents ½ the salary of a clerk on R25 a month who does both Civil and Criminal work; the other ½ is charged to Civil justice.

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A

Showing the total Number of Offences reported, of Cases struck off as false, and of Cases brought to Trial, with the results of Trials, in 1892 and 1893.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES.	Number of Offences reported.		Number of Cases in which complaint was rejected.		Number of other Cases struck off as false.		Cases accepted as true.	
	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII	770	771	121	149	24	33	625	589
Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X	374	374	15	15	1	...	358	359
Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI	345	316	25	8	1	2	319	306
Offences relating to Coins, Stamps, Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII	79	64	2	1	2	1	75	62
Offences affecting Public Health, etc., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV	215	252	53	43	3	4	159	205
Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI	8,797	8,608	2,595	2,574	181	208	6,221	5,826
Offences against Property, Chapter XVII	10,499	10,979	2,712	2,707	670	567	7,117	7,705
Miscellaneous Offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII	1,336	1,398	738	715	15	17	583	666
TOTAL OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE	22,415	22,762	6,061	6,212	897	832	15,457	15,718
Offences under Special Laws	7,568	8,658	637	637	42	49	6,889	7,972
GRAND TOTAL	29,983	31,420	6,698	6,849	939	881	22,346	23,690

A 1

Showing the Number of Cases brought to Trial, with the results of Trial, in 1892 and 1893.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES.	Number of Cases brought to trial during the year.		Number of Persons.				Percentage convicted.	
			Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted.			
	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893
Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII	489	499	615	474	1,364	1,484	68·9	75·7
Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X	333	323	216	164	401	369	64·9	69·2
Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI	289	270	136	103	224	216	62·2	67·7
Offences relating to Coins, Stamps, Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII	61	54	32	22	38	35	54·2	61·4
Offences affecting Public Health, etc., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV	130	175	47	55	138	176	74·6	76·1
Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI	3,402	3,368	2,467	2,693	2,600	2,367	51·3	46·7
Offences against Property, Chapter XVII	3,576	3,785	2,533	2,635	2 735	2,929	51·91	52·6
Miscellaneous Offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII	371	375	321	288	146	163	31·2	36·1
TOTAL OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE	8,651	8,849	6,367	6,434	7,616	7,739	54·5	54·6
Offences under Special Laws	5,376	6,227	1,621	1,863	5,564	6,122	77·4	76·6
GRAND TOTAL	14,027	15,076	7,988	8,297	13,210	13,861	62·3	62·5

B

Giving details of Comparative Talle A of each District.

	DISTRICTS.	Number of Offences reported.		Number of Cases in which complaint was rejected.		Number of other Cases struck off as false.		Cases accepted as true		Percentage accepted as true.	
		1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892	1893.	1892.	1893.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara . .	1,140	1,692	91	114	81	137	968	1,441	84·03	85·1
	Kamrup . .	2,852	2,911	783	715	58	85	2,011	2,111	70·5	72·5
	Nowgong . .	2,529	2,493	415	497	113	72	2,001	1,924	79·1	77·1
	Darrang . .	2,569	2,576	783	630	96	66	1,690	1,880	65·7	72·9
	Sibsagar . .	5,222	5,352	1,293	1,402	146	132	3,783	3,818	72·4	71·3
	Lakhimpore . .	2,715	2,925	829	819	126	66	1,760	2,040	64·8	72·4
Sylhet . . .		9,648	10,199	1,800	2,114	203	292	7,645	7,793	79·2	76·4
Cachar . . .		3,308	3,272	704	558	116	31	2,488	2,683	75·2	82·
	TOTAL .	29,983	31,420	6,698	6,849	939	881	22,346	23,690	74·5	75·6

B 1

Giving details of Comparative Table A 1 of each District.

	DISTRICTS.	Number of Cases brought to Trial during the year.		Number of Persons				Percentage convicted.	
				Acquitted or discharged		Convicted.			
		1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893	1892.	1893.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara . . .	650	1,099	376	468	574	1,018	60·42	68·6
	Kamrup . . .	1,284	1,418	666	716	1,092	1,261	62·11	63·81
	Nowgong . . .	1,293	1,001	917	914	1,371	982	59·92	51·79
	Darrang . . .	970	938	452	412	942	926	67·57	69·2
	Sibsagar . . .	2,679	2,629	1,073	872	2,425	2,498	69·32	74·12
	Lakhimpore . . .	1,432	1,557	778	800	1,448	1,479	65·09	64·89
Sylhet		4,286	4,869	2,919	3,136	4,201	4,476	59·	58·8
Cachar		1,433	1,564	807	979	1,157	1,221	58·8	55·4
	TOTAL .	14,027	15,076	7,988	8,297	13,210.	13,861	62·3	62·5

C.

Showing in detail the Number of Offences of each class returned as true in 1892 and 1893.

	DISTRICTS.	Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.		Offences against the Public Tranquility, Chapter VIII.		Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X.		Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to Coins, Stamps, Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII.		Offences affecting the Public Health, etc., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV.		Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against Property, Chapter XVII		Miscellaneous Offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII		Total Offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under Special Laws.		Grand Total.	
		1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	...	...	14	23	14	21	31	27	1	4	2	10	230	175	430	460	30	29	752	749	216	692	968	1,441
	Kamrup	...	...	14	17	18	19	25	51	7	12	11	12	713	541	430	609	67	104	1,285	1,365	726	746	2,011	2,111
	Nowgong	...	...	16	5	22	14	22	14	3	2	20	12	735	755	644	567	54	55	1,516	1,424	485	500	2,001	1,924
	Darrang	...	...	10	12	10	10	37	24	13	11	26	9	340	364	708	768	62	76	1 206	1 274	484	606	1,690	1,880
	Sibsagar	...	...	26	20	37	26	56	48	8	8	49	52	719	726	1,112	1,028	158	168	2,165	2,076	1,618	1,742	3,783	3,818
	Lakhimpore	...	...	20	11	37	25	35	24	11	7	11	16	345	407	526	669	24	37	1,009	1.196	751	844	1,760	2,040
Sylhet		...	...	474	425	187	190	85	87	9	8	26	79	2,705	2.353	2,465	2,651	169	164	6,120	5,957	1,525	1 836	7,645	7,793
Cachar		...	...	51	76	33	54	28	31	23	10	14	15	434	505	802	953	19	33	1,404	1,677	1,084	1,006	2,488	2,683
	TOTAL	..	...	625	589	358	359	319	306	75	62	159	205	6.221	5 826	7,117	7,705	583	666	15,457	15,718	6,889	7,972	22,346	23,690

D

Showing in detail for each class the Number of Persons convicted in 1892 and 1893.

	DISTRICTS.	Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.		Offences against the Public Tranquility, Chapter VIII.		Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X.		Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to C ins, Stamps, Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII.		Offences affecting the Public Health, etc, and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV.		Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against Property, Chapter XVII.		Miscellaneous Offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII.		Total Offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under Special Laws		Grand Total.	
		1892.	1893.	1892.	1893	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	...	...	44	71	10	16	20	10	1	2	2	3	137	72	169	206	5	9	388	389	186	629	574	1,018
	Kamrup	...	...	69	104	13	30	18	39	4	5	9	5	287	234	189	226	17	32	606	675	486	586	1,092	1,261
	Nowgong	...	...	36	22	52	12	19	7	2	1	15	13	432	279	302	265	22	16	880	615	491	367	1,371	982
	Darrang	...	...	32	40	7	8	23	17	14	9	15	4	140	132	265	256	10	21	506	487	436	439	942	926
	Sibsagar	...	...	87	83	32	18	41	37	4	4	46	34	357	363	509	446	50	61	1,126	1,046	1,299	1,452	2,425	2.498
	Lakhimpore	...	...	78	31	40	32	21	17	4	5	11	16	224	231	244	266	11	6	633	604	815	875	1,448	1,479
Sylhet		...	...	873	954	223	229	66	67	5	2	29	95	907	588	817	1,008	26	12	2,946	3,255	1,255	1,221	4.201	4,476
Cachar		...	...	145	179	24	24	16	22	4	7	11	6	116	168	240	256	5	6	561	668	596	553	1,157	1,221
	TOTAL	...	...	1,364	1,484	401	369	224	216	38	35	138	176	2,600	2,367	2,735	2,929	146	163	7,646	7,739	5,564	6,122	13,210	13,861

E

Showing the Number of Cases brought to Trial during the year, disposed of and pending in the Courts of Sessions and Courts of Magistrates in 1892 and 1893.

	DISTRICTS.	Courts of Sessions.						Courts of Magistrates.					
		Brought to Trial.		Disposed of.		Pending.		Brought to Trial.		Disposed of.*		Pending.	
		1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	5	7	5	6	...	1	652	1,099	624	1,130	47	10
	Kamrup	5	9	5	9	...	...	1,289	1,421	1,302	1,397	18	42
	Nowgong	4	3	3	5	2	...	1,293	1,001	1,302	988	12	21
	Darrang	5	6	5	7	1	...	978	939	979	925	12	19
	Sibsagar	8	12	8	13	1	...	2,687	2,632	2,686	2,645	36	20
	Lakhimpore	6	5	3	6	3	1	1,451	1,559	1,448	1,560	17	16
Sylhet		46	52	43	55	12	9	4,290	4,879	4,328	4,855	133	143
Cachar		12	14	9	15	5	4	1,439	1,573	1,421	1,532	52	93
	Total	91	108	81	116	24	15	14,079	15,103	14,090	15,032	327	364

* Omitting cases in which accused died, escaped, or were transferred.

F

Showing the Number of Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure disposed of during 1893.

	DISTRICTS.	Proceedings against Witnesses under Chapter VI C and Section 495.	Proceedings under Chapter VIII to prevent Breach of the Peace.	Proceedings under Chapter VIII, Security for Good Behaviour.	Proceedings against Local Nuisance, Chapter X.	Possession, Chapter XII.	Non-Attendance of Jurors or Assessors, Chapter XXIII, Section 332.	Maintenance, Chapter XXXVI.	Forfeiture of Bail or Recognisance under Chapter XLII.	Frivolous or Vexatious Complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XLVI, Section 560.	Total of Persons.
		Persons.	Persons	Persons.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	...	3	5	...	...	...	...	14	1	23
	Kamrup	...	56	2	...	4	12	13	51	25	159
	Nowgong	...	27	...	..	...	...	4	52	25	108
	Darrang	...	26	...	1	...	...	9	4	4	44
	Sibsagar	...	5	5	2	2	8	34	25	10	89
	Lakhimpore	...	5	1	8	...	6	24	28	5	77
Sylhet		...	300	132	43	2	...	11	38	57	562
Cachar		...	38	3	8	...	...	6	17	9	81
	Total	...	460	148	62	8	26	101	229	136	1,162

G

Showing the results of Trials in the Courts of Sessions in 1893 (as affecting Persons).

	DISTRICTS	Number of Persons under Trial during the year	Acquitted or Discharged.	Convicted	Committed or Referred.	Died, Escaped, or Transferred.	Remaining under Trial	Number per cent. of Persons entered in columns 3 and 4 who were convicted.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	12	4	5	...	...	3	55
	Kamrup	16	5	10	1		...	68·7
	Nowgong	9	3	6	..	...	...	66·6
	Darrang	18	10	7	.1	...	...	47·3
	Sibsagar	33	8	22	3	...	...	73·7
	Lakhimpore	8	1	4	1	.1	1	80·
Sylhet		135	63	56	...	...	16	47·5
Cachar		34	14	12	4	...	4	53 3
	TOTAL	265	108	122	10	1	24	54·8

H

Showing the results of Trials in the Courts of Magistrates in 1893 (as affecting Persons).

	DISTRICTS.	Number of Persons under Trial during the year.	Acquitted or Discharged	Convicted.	Committed or Referred.	Died, Escaped, or Transferred	Remaining under Trial	Number per cent. of Persons entered in columns 3 and 4 who were convicted.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	1,518	464	1,013	12	7	22	68·5
	Kamrup	2,042	711	1,250	20	...	61	63·74
	Nowgong	1,930	911	976	6	4	33	51·72
	Darrang	1,367	402	917	19	8	21	69·52
	Sibsagar	3,413	864	2,476	36	5	32	74·13
	Lakhimpore	2,304	799	1,474	7	2	22	64·7
Sylhet		7,949	3,073	4,419	134	18	305	58 98
Cachar		2,361	961	1,209	39	....	152	55·7
	TOTAL	22,884	8,185	13,734	273	44	648	62·65

I

Showing in detail the Number of Persons who were awaiting Trial in the Courts of Magistrates at the end of 1893.

	DISTRICTS.	Criminal Lunatics.	Number of Persons.				Of the Persons entered in columns 3 to 6 under Trial.				Over six months.
			In Custody.	On Bail.	On Recognizance.	Otherwise.	Not exceeding one month.	Over one month.	Over two months.	Over three months.	
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	...	...	22	...	...	22	...	...	...	...
	Kamrup	5	7	45	4	...	49	5	...	2	...
	Nowgong	2	8	10	13	...	28	1	2	...	...
	Darrang	2	3	16	...	...	18	...	1	...	...
	Sibsagar	5	5	20	1	...	20	6	...	...	...
	Lakhimpore	...	10	9	3	...	22	...	...	...	...
Sylhet		29	31	229	1	15	221	47	...	8	...
Cachar		5	14	133	...	...	112	16	7	12	...
	Total	48	78	484	22	15	492	75	10	22	...

J

Showing the Number of Witnesses examined and the Amount paid as Expenses in the Courts of Sessions and Magistrates' Courts in 1892 and 1893.

	DISTRICTS.	Number of Witnesses examined.				Amount paid as Expenses.			
		Courts of Sessions.		Magistrates' Courts.		Courts of Sessions.		Magistrates' Courts.	
		1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
						R	R	R	R
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	28	30	2,363	2,766	...	74	95	192
	Kamrup	11	24	4,518	3,999	24	...	19	12
	Nowgong	3	24	5,790	4,564	...	...	36	33
	Darrang	17	53	2,908	2,411	10	...	114	14
	Sibsagar	28	61	7,608	6,686	31	24	25	82
	Lakhimpore	25	18	4,215	4,278	.	...	336	169
Sylhet		310	427	17,931	18,674	759	1,002	269	236
Cachar		75	141	4,802	4,714	71	387	29	79
	Total	497	778	50,135	48,092	895	1,487	923	817

K

Showing the detention of Witnesses in the Courts of Sessions and Courts of Magistrates in 1893.

	DISTRICTS.	NUMBER OF WITNESSES DISCHARGED.							
		Courts of Session.				Magistrates' Courts.			
		On the 1st day.	On the 2nd day.	On the 3rd day.	After the 3rd day.	On the 1st day.	On the 2nd day.	On the 3rd day.	After the 3rd day.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	37	9	...	...	3,135	506	103	13
	Kamrup	42	...	...	...	4,379	688	38	5
	Nowgong	26	11	...	...	4,942	352	54	9
	Darrang	47	19	21	...	2,581	350	91	...
	Sibsagar	103	6	...	...	6,095	933	239	56
	Lakhimpore	22	...	...	...	4,119	592	32	...
Sylhet		463	153	146	15	21,342	4,655	431	30
Cachar		169	111	...	57	6,192	500	128	103
	Total	909	309	167	72	53,385	8,576	1,116	216

L

Showing the total Amount of Fines imposed in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction by the Criminal Courts in 1892 and 1893, the Amount realised, and the Amount paid by way of compensation.

	DISTRICTS.	Courts of Session.						Magistrates' Courts.					
		Total Amount of Fines.		Amount realised.		Amount paid by way of compensation.		Total Amount of Fines.		Amount realised.		Amount paid by way of compensation.	
		1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
		R	R.	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	200	...	99	14	...	...	5 689	5,955	4,516	5,412	1,082	672
	Kamrup	...	65	...	...	...	...	6,773	8,126	6,628	7,564	542	1,383
	Nowgong	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,069	7,577	12.083	6,621	1,103	941
	Darrang	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,243	4,725	5,291	3,933	943	830
	Sibsagar	...	10	...	10	...	...	20,013	16,820	19,566	16,817	3,369	3,958
	Lakhimpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,716	7,152	9,279	6,656	2,201	2,657
Sylhet		200	50	146	50	...	...	28,461	36,229	28,661	31,791	2,489	2,802
Cachar		...	...	...	...	...	...	7,850	12,631	7,663	9,115	895	1,113
	Total	400	125	245	74	...	...	96,814	99,215	93,687	87,909	12,624	14,386

L 1

Showing particulars of Whippings inflicted in 1893 by the Criminal Tribunals in each District in Assam.

DISTRICTS.	I.—IN LIEU OF OTHER PUNISHMENT (SECTIONS 2 AND 3, ACT VI OF 1864). Number of Stripes.													II.—IN ADDITION TO OTHER PUNISHMENT (SECTIONS 3 AND 4, ACT VI OF 1864). Number of Stripes.							III.—INFLICTED UNDER SECTION 5, ACT VI OF 1864, ON JUVENILES FOR OFFENCES OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFIED IN PARTS I AND II. Number of Stripes.														SHOWING THE RELATIVE NUMBER OF TIMES WHIPPING WAS AWARDED AS COMPARED WITH OTHER PUNISHMENTS IN CASES IN WHICH WHIPPING MIGHT HAVE BEEN AWARDED.			
	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.		TOTAL.	5 and under.	6 to 10	11 to 15.	16 to 20.	21 to 25.	26 to 30.	TOTAL.	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.		TOTAL.	1 Total number of whippings awarded.	2 Total number of other punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded.	3 Total number of all punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded (totals of headings 1 and 2).	4. Percentage of whipping on total number of all punishments (percentage of heading 1 on heading 3).
	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.									1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.						
ASSAM VALLEY DISTRICTS.																																						
Goalpara	...	...	6	...	6	..	19	...	5	.	2	...	38	..	..	..	...		...		..	...	1	.	...		1	...	...	...	..	...	2	40	127	167	23·9
Kamrup	2	...	7	2	8	...	6	..	2	...	1	3	31	...		1	..	...	..	1	6	...	1		..	.	..	...	...	...	...	...	7	39	106	145	26·89
Nowgong			3	..	15	.	5	.	3	...	1	.	27	...	...	...	...		...	...		.	...	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	109	136	19·85
Darrang	6	.	8	...	32	1	3	..	.	.	...		50	...	...		2		..	2	...	.	..	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52	113	165	31·51
Sibsagar	4	..	9	...	22	.	25	3	15	3	3	.	84	.	1	4	2		...	7	2	.	.	...	..	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	2	93	224	317	29·33
Lakhimpore	1	..	10	1	11		7	..	2	...	1	..	33	...	.	...	...	..	2	2	...	...		...	.	...	...	..	.	...	...	..	...	35	134	169	20·71
Sylhet	2	...	5	..	20	...	21	...	33	..	2		103	...	..		..	1	2	3	..	...	1	.	1	...	1	..	...	...	...	...	3	109	568	677	16·1
Cachar	..	..	3	...	2	.	8	1		.	2		16	.	1	1	1	...	2	5	..	...	1		..	..	...	.	...	...	..	...	1	22	219	241	9·1
TOTAL	15	...	71	3	116	1	94	4	60	3	12	3	382	..	2	6	5	1	6	20	8	...	4	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	15	417	1,600	2,017	20·67

M

Showing the Number of Appeal (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of the District Magistrates and of Sessions Judges in 1892 and 1893.

	DISTRICTS.	1892.						1893.					
		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
		Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara .	29	4	33	3	...	1	34	3	31	4	3	...
	Kamrup .	28	52	27	56	1	...	53	14	53	14	1	...
	Nowgong .	42	33	43	43	...	...	42	31	42	29	...	2
	Darrang .	29	22	29	20	1	2	21	6	22	8	...	...
	Sibsagar .	42	21	46	21	1	...	30	20	30	18	1	2
	Lakhimpore .	14	16	14	15	...	1	24	...	22	1	2	...
Sylhet . .		264	197	268	189	7	11	237	275	230	268	13	18
Cachar . .		50	91	49	86	2	8	94	62	92	70	4	...
TOTAL .		498	436	509	433	12	23	535	411	522	412	24	22

N

Showing the Number of Applications for Revision (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of District Magistrates and Sessions Judges in 1892 and 1893.

	DISTRICTS.	1892.						1893.					
		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
		Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara .	4	6	4	6	1	...	9	9	7	8	3	1
	Kamrup .	29	40	29	40	...	...	34	20	30	20	4	...
	Nowgong .	2	13	2	13	...	...	...	17	...	17	...	...
	Darrang .	13	3	11	3	2	...	16	5	18	5	...	...
	Sibsagar .	11	29	12	29	1	...	9	14	9	14	1	...
	Lakhimpore .	4	9	4	9	...	...	4	7	4	7	...	...
Sylhet . .		132	57	129	56	9	3	140	91	135	86	14	8
Cachar . .		10	37	13	40	...	...	20	22	20	22	...	...
TOTAL .		205	194	204	196	13	3	232	185	223	179	22	9

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Showing the Number of Persons whose cases came before the Courts of Sessions Judges and of District Magistrates on Appeals or Applications for Revision with the results as affecting the orders of the Lower Courts.

	DISTRICTS.	Appeals.				Applications for Revision.			
		Number of persons who appealed.	Ratio per cent. of persons appealing to persons in respect of whom appealable orders were passed.	Number of appellants in whose cases the sentences or orders were confirmed.	Ratio per cent. of affirmed to decided.	Number of applicants for revision.	Ratio per cent. of applicants for revision to persons in respect of whose cases orders were passed.	Number of applicants whose applications were rejected, or in whose cases the orders were confirmed.	Ratio per cent. of rejected to disposed of.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara .	58	47·15	38	67 85	20	1·32	11	50·
	Kamrup .	134	44·07	82	61·19	55	2 64	88	68·75
	Nowgong .	140	24·47	78	58·2	17	·84	11	64·7
	Darrang .	44	22·33	35	71·42	10	·73	36	80·
	Sibsagar .	93	18·23	73	80·21	10	·28	27	67·5
	Lakhimpore .	27	16·36	21	77·77	9	·38	8	61·53
Sylhet . .		877	40·28	535	63·08	208	2·67	633	77·95
Cachar . .		273	55·01	191	64·96	61	2·71	67	77·01
	Total .	1,646	36·2	1,053	63·25	390	1·71	881	75·68

N.B.—Besides these there were 874 accused persons against whom applications were made by the complainants.

P

Showing the Number of Appeals and Applications for Revision (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the High Court in 1892 and 1893.

	DISTRICTS.	Appeals.						Applications for Revision.					
		Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.		Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara .	2	3	2	3	...	...	6	6	5	8	2	...
	Kamrup .	...	6	...	5	...	1	6	8	6	7	...	1
	Nowgong .	1	5	1	5	...	...	3	2	3	2	...	...
	Darrang .	1	3	...	4	1	...	4	4	4	4	...	...
	Sibsagar .	3	5	2	5	1	1	7	15	7	14	...	1
	Lakhimpore .	...	5	...	5	...	...	3	4	4	4	...	...
Sylhet . .		27	19	26	21	2	...	29	30	28	32	3	1
Cachar . .		3	9	3	9	...	...	2	5	2	3	...	2
	Total .	37	55	34	57	4	2	60	74	59	74	5	5

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Showing the result as affecting Persons of Appeals and Applications for Revision in the High Court in 1893.

DISTRICTS.	APPEALS.						APPLICATIONS FOR REVISION.					
	Rejected.	Sentence affirmed.	Sentence reversed.	Sentence varied.	Further enquiry ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.	Rejected.	Order affirmed.	Order reversed.	Order varied.	Further enquiry ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.
ASSAM VALLEY DISTRICTS.												
Goalpara .	3	...	...	1	...	...	2	3	5	1	...	...
Kamrup .	2	2	1	...	1	..	1	1	1	8	2	...
Nowgong .	2	1	1	...	1	...	6	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang .	1	1	...	3	...	...	1	...	2	...	1	...
Sibsagar .	5	2	...	...	1	...	21	2	8	...	...	...
Lakhimpore	1	2	...	1	1	...	1	1	1	...	1	...
Sylhet . .	14	7	2	8	...	...	12	10	15	14	26	...
Cachar . .	3	5	7	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...
TOTAL .	31	20	11	13	4	...	44	17	38	23	30	...

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Criminal Business coming before the High Court from the Province of Assam in 1893 (Appellate Jurisdiction).

DESCRIPTION OF CASES.	Remaining in 1892.	Filed in 1893.	Disposed of in 1893.	Remaining at the close of 1893.
APPEALS.				
BY PERSONS CONVICTED . From the Orders of Presidency Magistrates	...	...	...	...
BY PERSONS CONVICTED . Deputy Commissioners acting under Section 34, Penal Code . . .	...	5	5	...
BY PERSONS CONVICTED . Sessions Judges	4	50	52	2
BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT . . . From the judgments of acquittal of all Courts	...	...	...	...
TOTAL . .	4	55	57	2
REFERENCES.				
Cases in which the Sessions Judges dissented from the Verdict of the Jury and referred under Section 307, Criminal Procedure Code .	1	...	1	...
Cases in which sentences of death passed by Sessions Judges were referred for confirmation under Section 374, Criminal Procedure Code .	1	6	6	1
Cases in which proceedings held against persons who cannot understand them are referred for orders under Section 341, Criminal Procedure Code	...	...	...	...
TOTAL . .	2	6	7	1
REVISION.				
Cases referred for Revision by District Magistrates and Sessions Judges under Section 438, Criminal Procedure Code . .	2	31	30	3
Cases dealt with by the Court under Section 435, Criminal Procedure Code:—				
(1) Cases decided by Magistrates	3	40	41	2
(2) „ „ „ Sessions Judges	...	3	3	...
Cases dealt with under Section 526, Criminal Procedure Code . .	...	5	5	...
TOTAL . .	5	79	79	5
Full Bench References	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous Orders in Court	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL . .	11	140	143	8

N.B.—Besides the above, 21 orders were passed out of Court on review of periodical Criminal Returns and Sessions Statements.

Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts, 1893.

	DISTRICTS.	RECEIPTS.						CHARGES.								Results *plus* or *minus*.
		In Court-fee Stamps.		In Cash or Special Stamps.				Share of Officers' salary debitable to Criminal Justice.	Establishment.			Contingencies.				
		Process fees.	Other fees.	Fines.	Copying and Comparing fees.	Other Receipts credited to Government.	Total.		Process-servers.	Salaried Copying and Comparing Clerks.	Others.	Fees paid to Copyists not on the fixed Establishment.	Other Contingencies and Refund.	Total.		
		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	725	1,506	4,901	823	1,240	9,495	6,564	336	...	4,095	548	865	12,408		—2,913
	Kamrup	1,740	4,049	8,280	490	293	14,852	15,372	507	...	4,005	327	1,477	21,688		—6,836
	Nowgong	1,353	2,366	7,138	165	115	11,137	8,420	480	...	4,226	110	1,487	14,723		—3,586
	Darrang	784	1,997	3,166	197	408	6,552	14,068	392	...	3,353	131	1,266	19,210		—12,658
	Sibsagar	2,640	5,270	13,056	779	37	21,782	18,728	1,190	...	4,459	519	2,502	27,378		—5,596
	Lakhimpore	888	2,161	4,284	268	341	7,942	14,886	520	...	3,753	168	1,011	20,338		—12,396
Sylhet		8,313	13,602	30,127	3,254	2,093	57,389	48,389	3,435	...	11,560	1,985	4,376	69,745		—12,356
Cachar		2,286	5,394	9,183	658	43	17,564	21,357	840	75*	7,277	367	3,902	33,818		—16,254
Total.	Courts of Magistrates	18,729	36,008	79,801	6,359	4,570	1,45,467	1,23,864	7,700	75	39,416	3,972	14,390	1,89,417		—43,950
	Courts of Session	...	637	334	275	...	1,246	23,920	...	...	3,292	183	2,496	29,891		—28,645
GRAND TOTAL		18,729	36,645	80,135	6,634	4,570	1,46,713	1,47,784	7,700	75	42,708	4,155	16,886	2,19,308		—72,595

* This amount represents ¼ the salary of a clerk on R25 a month who does both Civil and Criminal work; the other ¾ is charged to Civil Justice.

Annual Statement 1—(Criminal).

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and of Officers exercising Jurisdiction in Criminal cases in the Province of Assam on the last day of the year, the work done, and the Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts in 1893.

	DISTRICTS.	Area.	Population.	Number of Sessions Divisions.	Number of Divisions or Districts (including Sudder Division).	TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS. Judges of the High Court.	Sessions Judges of all grades.	Magistrates of all grades. Stipendiary.	Special and Honorary.	Number of Benches of Magistrates.	Number of Criminal Cases originally decided. By the High Court.	By Court of Sessions.	By District Magistrates.	By other Stipendiary Magistrates.	By Special and Honorary Magistrates.	By Bench of Magistrates.	Number of Criminal Cases decided on Appeal. By the High Court.	By the Courts of Sessions.	By District Magistrates or other Magistrates empowered.	Total Receipts of the Criminal Courts.	Total charges of the Criminal Courts.
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Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	3,954	452,304	1	2	...	1	4	...	...	...	6	139	991	...	...	3	31	4	9,495	12,408
	Kamrup	3,660	634,249		2	...		12	4	...	1	9	57	1,291	47	...	5	53	14	14,852	21,688
	Nowgong	3,258	344,141		1	...		4	3	...	...	5	50	570	368	...	5	42	29	11,137	14,723
	Darrang	3,418	307,761		2	...		4	2	...	2	7	100	819	6	...	4	22	8	6,552	19,210
	Lakhimpore	3,724	254,053		2	...		5	2	...	1	6	126	1,432	3	...	5	22	1	7,942	20,338
	Sibsagar	2,855	457,274		3	...		6	3	...	1	13	37	2,597	11	...	5	30	18	21,782	27,378
	TOTAL	20,869	2,449,782	1	12	...	1	35	14	...	5	46	509	7,700	435	...	27	200	74	71,760	1,15,745
	Sylbet	5,414	2,154,593	1	5	...	1	17	4	...	1	55	14	4,228	613	...	21	230	268	57,389	69,745
	Cachar	2,472	3,67,542		2	...		11	...	...	1	15	159	1,373	...	...	9	92	70	17,564	33,818
	TOTAL	7,886	2,522,135	1	7	...	1	28	4	...	2	70	173	5,601	613	...	30	322	338	74,953	1,03,563
	GRAND TOTAL	28,755	4,971,917	2	19	...	2	63	18	...	7	6	682	13,301	1,048	...	57	522	412	1,46,713	2,19,308*

* Including Exchange Compensation Allowance.

Annual Statement 2—(Criminal).

Statement of offences reported and of persons tried, convicted, and acquitted of each offence in the Province of Assam in the year 1893.

Nomenclature of Offences with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law applicable.	Number of Cases.					Number of Persons.				
	Offences reported.	Complaint dismissed under Section 203, C. P. C.	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.
				I—Offences under the Penal Code.						
Offences against the State.										
Chapter VI, Sections 121 to 130	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Army and Navy.										
Chapter VII, Sections 131 to 140	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Public Tranquillity.										
Chapter VIII, Sections 143 to 145, 149 to 151, 157, 158—Unlawful Assembly	305	103	21	181	140	596	190	386	2	18
„ „ „ 147, 148, 152, and 153 to 156—Rioting, etc.	422	40	12	370	327	1,423	279	1,024	2	118
„ „ „ 160—Affray	44	6	...	38	32	79	5	74	...	...
Offences by or relating to Public Servants.										
Chapter IX, Sections 161 to 169—By Public Servants	14	5	...	9	8	15	7	3	...	5
„ „ „ 161, 170, and 171—Relating to Public Servants	10	2	...	8	10	16	14	1	...	1
Contempts of the Lawful Authority of Public Servants.										
Chapter X, Sections 172 to 190	350	8	...	342	305	519	143	365	1	10
False Evidence and Offences against Public Officers.										
Chapter XI, Sections 193 to 200—False evidence, subornation, etc., of public servants	62	1	...	61	50	58	22	34	...	2
„ „ „ 201 to 229—Offences against public justice	254	7	2	245	220	277	81	182	1	13
Offences relating to Coin and Government Stamps.										
Chapter XII, Sections 231 to 254—Offences relating to coin	33	1	1	31	25	29	10	19	...	...
„ „ „ 255 to 263—Offences relating to stamps	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to Weights and Measures.										
Chapter XIII, Sections 264 to 267	30	...	...	30	29	30	12	16	...	2
Offences affecting the Public Health, Safety, Convenience, Decency and Morals.										
Chapter XIV, Sections 269 to 278—Offences affecting public health	54	7	2	45	41	55	17	38	...	...
„ „ „ 279 to 289— „ „ safety	79	26	...	53	34	38	12	24	...	2
„ „ „ 290 and 291— „ „ convenience	101	2	...	99	93	131	17	111	...	3
„ „ „ 292 to 294— „ „ decency and morals	2	1	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
„ „ Section 294A—Keeping lottery office or publishing proposals for lottery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Offences relating to Religion.										
Chapter XV, Sections 295 to 298	16	7	2	7	6	12	9	2	...	1
Offences affecting the Human Body.										
Chapter XVI, Sections 302 and 303—Murder	41	1	1	39	29	83	37	20	2	24
" " Section 307—Attempt at murder	2	...	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
" " " 304—Culpable homicide	30	...	...	30	23	57	27	14	2	14
" " " 304A—Causing death by rash or negligent act	14	...	1	13	12	12	6	4	...	2
" " " 308—Attempt at culpable homicide	4	...	...	4	2	4	3	1	...	...
" " Sections 305 and 306—Abetment of suicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Section 309—Attempted suicide	33	...	2	31	27	29	3	19	3	4
" " " 311—Thuggee, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Sections 312 to 315—Causing miscarriage	7	3	..	4	1	5	5	...	...	...
" " Section 316—Injury to unborn children	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " " 317—Exposure of infants	5	3	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
" " " 318—Concealment of birth by secret disposal of dead body	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Sections 325 to 331 and 333—Hurt with aggravating circumstances	98	6	1	91	79	164	45	102	1	16
" " " 323, 324, 332 and 334 to 338—Other cases	1,272	226	13	1,033	650	1,015	528	449	3	35
" " Section 341—Wrongful restraint	136	55	2	79	47	92	63	28	..	1
" " Sections 342 to 348—Wrongful confinement	712	276	50	386	196	456	272	164	2	18
" " " 352 to 358—Criminal force or assault	5,926	1,885	106	3,935	2,244	3,214	1,637	1,536	1	40
" " " 364, 366, 367—Kidnapping or forcible abduction with aggravating circumstances	14	2	1	11	1	1	1	...	...	...
" " " 363, 365, 368 and 369—Other cases	239	107	10	122	35	66	45	21	...	...
" " " 370 and 371—Slavery	2	...	...	2	1	1	1	...	...	...
" " " 372 and 373—Buying or selling a minor for the purpose of prostitution	2	1	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
" " Section 374—Forced labour	3	1	...	2	1	2	2	...	...	...
" " " 376—Rape	43	8	16	19	9	16	13	3	...	...
" " " 377—Unnatural offence	23	...	3	20	8	9	4	4	...	1
Offences against property.										
Chapter XVII, Section 382—Theft with aggravating circumstances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Sections 379 to 381 and 401—Other cases	4,649	773	320	3,556	1,673	2,450	938	1,371	11	130
" " " 386 to 389—Extortion with aggravating circumstances	5	2	...	3	1	1	...	1	...	...
" " " 384 and 385—Other cases	118	72	3	43	31	50	34	10	...	6
" " Section 294—	5	...	...	5	4	16	3	2	...	11
" " " 392— Robbery — Other cases	25	...	9	16	8	18	10	8	...	...
" " " 393— Robbery — Attempt	3	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " " 396— Dacoity — With murder	1	...	...	1	1	7	4	3	...	...
" " " 397— Dacoity — With attempt to cause death or grievous hurt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " " 398— Dacoity — Attempted robbery or dacoity when armed with deadly weapons	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Sections 395, 399, 400 & 402— Dacoity — Other cases	23	1	5	17	10	34	19	13	...	2
" " " 403 and 404—Criminal misappropriation of property	380	217	3	160	103	131	77	34	...	...
" " " 406 to 409—Criminal breach of trust	422	159	17	246	137	173	88	68	1	16
" " " 411 to 414—Receiving or habitually dealing in stolen or plundered property	361	7	4	350	341	529	173	338	1	17
" " " 417 to 420—Cheating	312	178	6	128	90	109	68	33	...	8

Statement of offences reported and of persons tried, convicted, and acquitted of each offence in the Province of Assam in the year 1893—concld.

Nomenclature of Offences with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law applicable.	Number of Cases.					Number of Persons				
	Offences reported.	Complaint dismissed under Section 203, C. P. C.	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.
				I.—Offences under the Penal Code.						
Offences against Property—concld.										
Chapter XVII, Sections 421 to 424—Fraudulent deeds or disposition of property	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ „ Sections 429 to 433 and 435 to 440—Mischief—With aggravating circumstances	396	72	24	300	124	184	110	63	4	7
„ „ „ 426 to 428 and 434—Mischief—Other cases	1,422	604	21	797	485	768	446	309	...	13
„ „ „ 459 and 460—Criminal trespass—Resulting in death or grievous hurt	1	...	...	1	1	2	2	...	...	...
„ „ „ 449 to 452, 454, 455, 457 and 458—Criminal trespass—For commission of serious offences	1344	24	111	1,209	207	332	100	207	...	25
„ „ „ 447, 448, 453, 456, 461 and 462—Criminal trespass—Other cases	1,511	597	42	872	569	1,036	563	449	3	21
Offences relating to Documents and to Trade or Property Mark.										
Chapter XVIII, Sections 465 to 471 and 474—Forgery or uttering or possessing forged documents or papers.	20	9	2	9	7	12	8	...	...	4
„ „ „ 472 to 476—Counterfeiting or making or possessing a counterfeit seal, etc., for purposes of forgery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ „ Section 477—Fraudulently destroying or defacing a Will or other document.	3		...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ „ Sections 482, 486, 487 and 488—Using a false trade or property mark and knowingly selling property so marked	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ „ „ 483 to 485—Counterfeiting or making or possessing a die plate or instrument for counterfeiting trade or property mark	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ „ Section 489—Removing, destroying, etc., a trade or property mark with intent to cause injury	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal Breach of Contracts and Service.										
Chapter XIX, Sections 490 to 492	6	3	...	3	3	3	...	2	...	1
Offences relating to Marriage.										
Chapter XX, Sections 493 to 498	711	382	10	319	141	164	132	24	1	7
Defamation.										
Chapter XXI, Sections 500 to 502	224	120	2	102	70	90	61	27	...	

Criminal Intimidation, Insult or Annoyance.										
Chapter XXII, Section 506—The threat being to cause death or other grievous hurt	61	24	1	36	25	37	16	21	...	...
„ „ Sections 504 to 510—Other cases	372	175	2	195	129	162	71	89	...	2
TOTAL OF OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE	22,762	6,212	832	15,718	8,849	14,816	6,434	7,739	41	602
II.—OFFENCES UNDER SPECIAL AND LOCAL LAWS.										
Code of Criminal Procedure.										
Chapter VIII, Sections 107, 108, 119—Security for keeping the peace	366	164	...	202	111	315	209	102	...	4
„ „ „ 109, 110—Security for good behaviour	209	7	...	202	163	160	64	84	1	11
Other Laws:—relating to										
Arms and Ammunition Act, XI of 1878	315	1	2	312	296	324	34	288	...	2
Cattle Trespass Act, I of 1877	1,478	361	28	1,089	624	1,085	541	529	...	15
Court Fees Act	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
Contract (Workmen) Act, XIII of 1859	855	43	...	812	320	370	177	187	...	6
Cruelty to Animals Act, I of 1869	21	1	2	18	17	32	6	26	...	...
Elephant Preservation Act	5	...	...	5	4	7	1	6	...	...
Emigration (Inland) Act, I of 1882	1,274	22	...	1,252	814	1,196	110	1,078	3	5
Excise Act, VII of 1878	528	1	5	522	497	547	89	453	...	5
Ferries Act, XVII of 1878	116	14	3	99	69	119	58	60	...	1
Fisheries Act, II of 1889 (B.C.)	159	17	5	137	67	264	107	157	...	...
Forests Act, VII of 1878	65	...	...	65	58	141	43	90	...	8
Frontier District Regulation, No. V of 1873	3	...	...	3	3	5	...	5	...	...
Gambling Act, II of 1867	16	...	...	16	15	43	...	43	...	...
Inner Line Regulation	1	...	...	1	1	7	7	...	...	...
Jail Acts, II of 1864, V of 1865, XXVI of 1870	10	...	...	10	10	15	...	15	...	...
Land Acquisition Act, X of 1870	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Land Revenue Regulation (Assam) I of 1886	6	1	...	5	6	10	9	1	...	...
Municipalities Act of 1876	1,453	...	...	1,453	1,412	1,506	153	1,347	...	6
Military Police Regulation	2	...	...	2	2	2	1	1	...	...
Opium Act, I of 1878	104	3	2	99	96	105	31	69	...	5
Police (District) Act, V of 1861	1,159	...	1	1,158	1,127	1,215	98	1,115	...	2
Police (Rural) Act, I of 1883	158	...	...	158	166	179	23	155	...	1
Post Offices Act, XIV of 1866	2	...	...	2	3	4	2	2	...	...
Prisons Act, II of 1882 and XXVI of 1870	2	...	...	2	2	2	...	2	...	...
Railway Act, IV of 1879	16	...	...	16	12	19	8	11	...	...
Registration of Births and Deaths Act, II of 1873	236	2	...	234	232	264	54	210	...	...
Registration of Documents Act, III of 1877	1	...	...	1	1	4	3	1	...	...
Stamp Act, I of 1879	90	...	1	89	82	100	18	82	...	...
Telegraph Act, I of 1876	4	...	...	4	1	4	3	...	...	1
Vaccination Act, XIII of 1880	2	...	...	2	14	15	13	2	...	...
TOTAL OF OFFENCES UNDER SPECIAL LAWS	8,658	637	49	7,972	6,227	8,061	1,863	6,122	4	72
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL OFFENCES	31,420	6,849	881	23,690	15,076	22,877	8,297	13,861	45	674

Annual Statement 3—(Criminal).

Statement of Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Criminal Procedure Code in the Province of Assam during 1893.

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS.	TOTAL NUMBER DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR.		DISPOSED OF DURING THE YEAR.			REMARKS.
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	PERSONS.		
				Discharged.	Convicted.	
1. Proceedings against witnesses under Chapter VI-C and Section 485	...	...	...	...	...	
2. Proceedings under Chapter VIII to prevent breach of the peace	162	464	160	209	251	
3. Proceedings under Chapter VIII—Security for good behaviour	160	160	149	64	84	
4. Proceedings against local nuisances—Chapter X	32	62	32	16	46	
5. Possession—Chapter XII	9	...	9	...	...	
6. Non-attendance of Jurors or Assessors—Chapter XXIII, Section 332	9	29	8	10	16	
7. Maintenance—Chapter XXXVI	101	102	100	62	39	
8. Forfeiture of bail or recognisance under Chapter XLII	154	229	154	64	165	
9. Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XLVI, Section 560	136	136	136	...	136	
TOTAL	763	1,182	748	425	737	

Annual Statement 4—(Criminal).

Statement showing the General Result of Criminal Trials in the Tribunals of various Classes in the Province of Assam in the year 1893.

CLASS OF TRIBUNAL.	NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.								PERSONS WHOSE CASES WERE DISPOSED OF.									NUMBER OF CASES.						
	Remaining at the end of the previous year.	Brought to trial during the year.							Died, escaped, or transferred.	Discharged or acquitted.	Convicted				Committed or reforred.	Total of columns 11 to 16.	Persons under trial at the end of the year.	Brought to trial during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year.	Number of cases entered in column 20 tried summarily.	Aggregate number of days during which the cases entered in column 20 lasted.	Average number of days during which each case lasted.	Number of witnesses examined.
		Under arrest by police.	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntarily.	Received on commitment or reference.	Received by transfer.	Total.			On regular trial.		On summary trial.											
											Appealable sentence passed.	Non-appealable sentence passed.	Appealable sentence passed.	Non-appealable sentence passed.										
I.—MAGISTRATES.																								
Village Officers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	14
Subordinate Magistrates — Special Magistrate under Section 14	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	5	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates — Honorary Magistrates sitting singly — 2nd and 3rd class	10	159	191	1,357	3	...	...	1,720	3	744	951	...	...	...	2	1,697	20	1,063	1,045	13	...	9,045	8·65	3,326
Subordinate Magistrates — Honorary Magistrates sitting singly — 1st class	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates — Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly — 2nd and 3rd class	90	1,145	383	1,862	75	...	...	3,555	3	1,527	1,823	...	...	...	32	3,382	170	2,233	2,181	102	...	27,601	12·65	7,994
Subordinate Magistrates — Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly — 1st class	431	8,417	1,809	5,461	515	...	...	16,633	29	5,594	1,543	2,832	75	5,929	202	16,175	429	11,126	11,120	221	5,928	84,423	7·59	34,604
Subordinate Magistrates — Benches of Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under Sections 347, 349.	1	...	...	...	...	47	...	48	...	10	28	10	...	...	...	48	...	28	29	...	...	76	2·68	21
Chief Magistrates of Districts — Under ordinary powers	22	491	102	182	29	...	...	826	6	266	77	110	1	304	14	792	28	615	603	27	328	4,181	6·23	1,308
Chief Magistrates of Districts — Under special powers under Section 14	18	73	4	...	...	2	...	97	3	24	43	3	...	...	23	93	1	45	51	1	...	1,305	24·62	335
TOTAL	572	10,285	2,489	8,862	627	49	...	22,884	44	8,185	4,463	2,957	76	6,233	273	22,192	648	15,103	15,032	864	6,256	1,26,634	8·42	48,092
II.—COURTS OF SESSIONS.																								
Assistant Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges	39	...	...	...	...	203	...	242	1	101	64	43	...	...	10	218	24	95	103	15	...	5,223	50·7	778
Judges — Cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	22	...	22	...	7	15	...	...	...	...	22	...	13	13	...	...	226	17·38	...
Judges — Cases referred by Assistant Judges under Section 31, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	39	...	...	...	...	225	...	264	1	108	79	43	...	...	10	240	24	108	116	15	...	5,449	46·88	778
III.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																								
High Court — Cases under Section 526, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court — Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court — Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 307, C. P. C.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	130	130	...
High Court — Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 374, C. P. C.	1	...	...	...	...	10	...	11	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	8	2	6	6	1	...	252	42	...
TOTAL	2	...	...	...	...	10	...	12	...	4	...	5	...	...	...	9	2	6	7	1	...	382	54·5	...
GRAND TOTAL	613	10,285	2,489	8,862	627	284	...	23,160	45	8,297	4,547	3,005	76	6,233	283	22,441	674	15,217	15,155	880	6,256	1,32,465	8·74	48,870

Annual Statement 5—(Criminal).

Statement showing the Punishments inflicted by the various Criminal Tribunals in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction in the year 1893.

PERSONS SENTENCED TO; PERSONS ORDERED TO FIND OR GIVE; PERSONS IMPRISONED IN DEFAULT OF SECURITY FOR GOOD BEHAVIOUR

Class of Tribunal	Death.	Transportation: For Life.	Transportation: For a Term.	Penal Servitude.	Imprisonment, Rigorous: With Solitary Confinement.	Imprisonment, Rigorous: Without Solitary Confinement.	Imprisonment: Simple.	Forfeiture of Property.	Fine: With Imprisonment.	Fine: Without Imprisonment.	Whipping: In addition to other Punishment.	Whipping: In lieu of other Punishment.	Sureties of the Peace.	Recognisance to keep the Peace.	Sureties for Good Behaviour.	Imprisoned in default: One year and under.	Imprisoned in default: Three years and under.
I.—MAGISTRATES.																	
Village Officers under Section 14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates. Special Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly: 2nd and 3rd class	...	...	...	...	...	113	2	...	44	835	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly: 1st class	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly: 2nd and 3rd class	...	...	...	...	...	452	8	...	152	1,356	...	7	...	...	...	...	...
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly: 1st class	...	...	...	...	105	2,738	73	...	461	6,768	19	355	89	152	79	68	...
Benches of Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under Sections 347, 349	...	...	...	...	4	23	...	...	1	3	...	8	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Magistrates of Districts. Under ordinary powers	...	...	...	...	8	165	3	...	12	230	...	23	...	10	2	2	...
Chief Magistrates of Districts. Under special powers under Section 34	...	...	...	...	3	40	...	...	4	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	130	3,556	86	...	674	9,192	20	397	89	163	81	70	...
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																	
Assistant Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges	...	23	5	...	1	74	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	3
Judges. Cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34, C. P. C.	...	...	1	...	1	13	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judges. Cases referred by Assistant Judges under Section 31, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	23	6	...	2	87	...	...	7	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	3
II.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																	
High Court. Cases coming before the Court under Section 526, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court. Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court. Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 307, C. P. C.	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court. Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 374, C. P. C.	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	3	25	6	...	122	3,643	86	...	681	9,193	20	397	89	162 (a)	84	70	3

DETAILS OF PUNISHMENTS

Class of Tribunal	Fine: R10 and under.	Fine: R50 and under.	Fine: R100 and under.	Fine: R500 and under.	Fine: R1,000 and under.	Fine: Above R1,000.	Total amount of Fines imposed during the year.	Total amount of Fines realised during the year.	Amount paid by way of Compensation.	Imprisonment, 15 days and under: Rigorous.	15 days and under: Simple.	6 months and under: Rigorous.	6 months and under: Simple.	2 years and under: Rigorous.	2 years and under: Simple.	7 years and under: Rigorous.	7 years and under: Simple.	Above 7 years: Rigorous.	Above 7 years: Simple.	Whipped: 10 stripes and under.	Whipped: 20 stripes and under.	Whipped: 30 stripes and under.	Number of boys whose sentences were commuted to detention in a Reformatory School.
I.—MAGISTRATES.																							
Village Officers under Section 14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates. Special Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly: 2nd and 3rd class	769	110	...	...	...	...	5,067	4,886	229	27	2	86	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly: 1st class	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly: 2nd and 3rd class	1,112	391	3	2	...	...	15,019	13,107	1,467	95	6	357	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	2	...
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly: 1st class	5,592	1,621	97	18	1	...	72,284	65,119	11,635	831	46	1,662	23	412	...	5	...	...	...	94	203	77	...
Benches of Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under Sections 347, 349	2	1	...	1	...	...	565	50	...	...	...	6	...	7	...	4	...	...	...	2	5	1	...
Chief Magistrates of Districts. Under ordinary powers	176	47	12	7	...	...	5,610	4,379	819	77	1	97	2	17	...	4	...	...	...	6	13	4	...
Chief Magistrates of Districts. Under special powers under Section 34	...	...	2	2	...	...	650	368	236	2	...	6	...	15	...	20	...	...	...	...	4	...	...
Total	7,651	2,070	114	30	1	...	99,215	87,909	14,386	1,032	55	2,219	32	461	...	33	...	...	...	103	229	85	...
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																							
Assistant Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges	1	1	...	...	...	...	60	74	...	...	...	10	...	26	...	35	...	7	...	...	...	...	...
Judges. Cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34, C. P. C.	3	3	...	...	...	...	65	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Judges. Cases referred by Assistant Judges under Section 31, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	4	4	...	...	...	...	125	74	...	...	...	10	...	26	...	47	...	9	...	...	...	...	...
II.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																							
High Court. Cases coming before the Court under Section 526, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court. Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court. Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 307, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court. Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 374, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	7,655	2,074	114	30	1	...	99,340	87,983	14,386	1,032	55	2,229	32	487	...	60	...	9	...	103	229	85	...

N.B.—Besides the persons shown in this Statement, 200 were required to fulfil Contracts under Act XIII of 1859 and Act I of 1882.

(a) Of these, 149 persons were required to give recognisance under Section 106, Criminal Procedure Code, in addition to the other punishments to which they were sentenced.

Annual Statement 5A—(Criminal).

Showing the Particulars of Whippings inflicted by the Criminal Tribunals during 1893.

PART I.

Showing Whippings inflicted under Sections 2 and 3, Act VI, 1864, in lieu of other Punishment.

Offences for which awarded.	Number of Stripes awarded.												Total.
	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.		
	1st Conviction.	2nd or subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	2nd or subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	2nd or subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	2nd or subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	2nd or subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	2nd or subsequent Conviction.	
IN LIEU OF OTHER PUNISHMENT. (Sections 2 and 30, Act VI, 1864)													
1. Theft, as defined in . . . . Section 378, I. P. C.	13	...	28	...	49	1	35	1	21	...	5	1	154
„ 380, „	2	...	25	3	29	...	26	1	4	...	2	2	94
„ 381, „	...	...	5	...	9	...	3	...	2	...	1	...	20
„ 382, „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Extortion, as defined in . . . . „ 385, „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
„ 389, „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in „ 411, „	...	...	8	...	22	...	15	1	22	3	...	...	71
„ 412, „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Lurking House-Trespass, as defined in . . „ 443, „	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	6
5. Ditto by night, as defined in „ 444, „	...	...	...	...	2	...	6	...	4	...	2	...	14
House-breaking, as defined in . . . „ 445, „	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	6
7. Ditto by night, as defined in . „ 446, „	...	...	5	...	1	...	6	...	5	...	...	...	17
8. Offence under Section 14, Act III, 1880	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total .	15	...	71	3	116	1	94	4	60	3	12	3	382

PART II.

Showing Whippings inflicted in addition to other Punishments, Sections 3 and 4, Act VI, 1864.

OFFENCES FOR WHICH AWARDED.	Number of Stripes.						Total.
	5 and under.	6 to 10.	11 to 15.	16 to 20.	21 to 25.	26 to 30.	
IN ADDITION TO OTHER PUNISHMENT.							
(Sections 3 and 4)							
A.—Section 3.—							
1. Theft, as defined in Section 378, I. P. C.	...	...	1	...	...	2	3
" 380, "	...	1	...	1	1	1	4
" 381, "	...	...	2	2	...	...	4
" 382, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Extortion, as defined in " 388, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 389, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Dishonestly receiving Stolen Property, as defined in " 411, "	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
" 412, "		...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Lurking House-Trespass, as defined in " 443, "	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
5. Ditto by night, as defined in " 444, "	...	...	2	...	...	...	2
6. House-breaking, as defined in " 445, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Ditto by night, as defined in " 446, "	...	...	1	...	...	2	3
8. Offence under Section 14, Act III, 1880	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
B.—Section 4.—							
1. False Evidence, as defined in Section 193, I. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 194, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 195, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
2. False Charge of Unnatural Offence, as defined in " 211, " and " 377, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Assault, as defined in " 354, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Rape, as defined in " 375, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Unnatural Offence, as defined in " 377, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Robbery, as defined in " 390, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Dacoity, as defined in " 391, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Attempt at Robbery, as defined in " 393, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Hurt in committing Robbery, as defined in " 394, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. Receiving Stolen Property, as defined in " 413, "	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
" 463, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 466, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11. Forgery, as defined in " 467, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 468, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 469, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12. Lurking House-Trespass, as defined in " 443, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13. Ditto by night, as defined in " 444, "	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
14. House-breaking, as defined in " 445, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15. Ditto by night, as defined in " 446, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	2	6	5	1	6	20

PART III.

Showing Whippings inflicted under Section 5, Act VI, 1864, on Juveniles, for Offences other than those specified in Parts I and II.

OFFENCE.	STRIPES.												TOTAL.
	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.		
	1st Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	
Unnatural Offence, Section 377	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Section 429	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	1
„ 456	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 432	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ 182	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 324	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ 266	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 3, Act II of 1889	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	6
TOTAL	8	...	4	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	15

PART IV.

Showing relative Number of Times Whipping was awarded, as compared with other Punishments.

PUNISHMENTS.	NUMBER.	REMARKS.
1. Total number of whippings awarded	417	
2. Total number of other punishments in cases in which whipping might have been inflicted	1,600	
3. Total number of all punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded (total of headings 1 and 2).	2,017	
4. Percentage of whippings	20·67	

Annual Statement 6—(Criminal).

Statement showing the result of Appeal and Revision in Criminal cases in the Province of Assam during the year 1893.

CLASS OF TRIBUNAL.		Number of Persons.												Number of Cases.		
		Total number of Appellants and Applicants for revision, including pending from previous year	Died, escaped, transferred.	Appeals or applications rejected.	Sentence or order confirmed.	Sentence enhanced.	Sentence reduced or order otherwise altered.	Reversed.	Proceedings quashed.	New trial or further enquiry ordered.	Referred to the High Court for revision.	Total whose cases were disposed of, including entries in columns 4 to 11.	Remaining at the end of the year.	Preferred during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year.
APPEALS																
To	From															
District Magistrate	Subordinate Magistrates	758	...	133	359	...	99	131	...	1	...	723	35	411	412	22
Courts of Session	Magistrates	951	1	77	484	...	122	226	...	1	...	910	40	535	522	24
	Assistant Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts — by persons convicted	Presidency Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Deputy Commissioners acting under Section 34, C. P. C.	5	...	1	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	5	...	5	5	...
	Sessions Judges	77	...	30	19	...	12	9	..	4	...	74	3	50	52	2
Superior Courts — by Government from judgments of acquittal, Section 417.	All Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	1,791	1	241	863	...	234	368	...	6	...	1,712	78	1,001	991	48
REVISION																
By	Of order of															
District Magistrates	Subordinate Magistrates	54	...	69	270	...	...	31	...	147	7	524	58	185	179	9
Courts of Session	Magistrates	358	...	542	...	...	...	1	...	40	57	640	64	232	223	12
High Court (cases referred for orders under Sections 432, 438).	Magistrates	70	...	...	13	...	1	25	...	25	...	64	6	31	30	3
High Court (cases dealt with under Section 435).	Magistrates	83	...	43	4	...	17	13	...	4	...	81	2	40	41	2
	Courts of Session	7	...	1	...	...	5	...	...	1	...	7	...	3	3	...
	Total	(a)572	...	655	287	...	23	70	...	217	64	1,316	130	491	476	36
	GRAND TOTAL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

(a) Besides these, there were 874 accused persons against whom applications for revision were made. These persons, though not shown in this column, are shown in the other columns exhibiting the results of such applications.

Annual Statement 7—(Criminal).

Statement showing use of Juries and Assessors in the Civil and Criminal Courts in the Province of Assam in the year 1893.

CLASSES OF COURTS IN WHICH JURORS OR ASSESSORS ARE EMPLOYED		Established or average number of Jurors or Assessors in each case, and prescribed qualifications.	NUMBER OF ACCUSED PERSONS IN JURY TRIALS				NUMBER OF ACCUSED PERSONS IN TRIALS WITH ASSESSORS				REMARKS.
			Tried.	As to whom the Judge			Tried.	As to whom the Judge			
				Approved verdict.	Did not approve of verdict.	Made reference under Section 307, C. P. C.		Agreed with all the Assessors.	Differed from one or more, but not from all the Assessors.	Differed from all the Assessors.	
Magistrates' Courts under Chapter X, C. P. C.	Jurors .	Five Jurors . .	39	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Courts of Session	Jurors .	Five Jurors and two Assessors—qualifications as described in Chapter XXIII, Code of Criminal Procedure.	59	58	1	...	...	...	...	...	All offences, including abetments and attempts falling under Chapters VIII, XI, XVI, XVII, and XVIII of the Indian Penal Code, are tried by Jury in the Assam Valley Districts. Other cases in these districts and all cases in Sylhet and Cachar are tried with the aid of Assessors.
	Assessors .		...	...	...	...	152	104	20	28	
	TOTAL .	...	98	97	1	...	152	104	20	28	

Annual Statement 8—(Criminal).

Statement showing the General Result of the Trial of European British Subjects in the Province of Assam in the year 1893.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCE.	NUMBER OF PERSONS ACCUSED AND BROUGHT BEFORE A MAGISTRATE.								PERSONS WHOSE CASES WERE DISPOSED OF.														NUMBER OF CASES.					
	Remaining at the close of the previous year.	Within the year.					Died, Escaped, or Transferred to other Districts or Provinces.	Number actually brought to trial.	By District Magistrates and other First Class Magistrates.						By Courts of Session.				By High Court.			Total for all Courts.				Number of persons who applied to the High Court for an order under Section 456 of the Code.	Of those entered in column 5, number who applied under Section 2, Act III of 1884, for transfer or committal of their cases.	Number of persons who applied to the High Court under Section 526 of the Code for the transfer of their cases.	Brought to trial.	Disposed of.	Pending.
		On complaint, Section 191 (a), Criminal Procedure Code.	On Police Report, Section 191 (b) of the Code.	By Magistrate *suo motu*, Section 191 (c) of the Code.	On transfer from another District or Province.	Total.			Received by Transfer under Section 451B of the Code.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Committed. To Court of Session.	Committed. To High Court.	Transferred by order under Section 451B of the Code	Total omitting entries in Columns 10 and 15.	Received by transfer under Section 451B of the Code.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Transferred to High Court under Section 449 of the Code.	Total exclusive of column 17.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Total.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Total.	Number of persons under trial at the close of the year.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII	...	...	2	...	..	2	...	2	..	2	...	...	..	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...
Contempts of the lawful authority of Public Servants, Chapter X	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	..	..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	1	1	...	1	1	..	...	...	...
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI. — Hurt	...	9	...	1	...	10	...	10	...	6	4	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	4	10	...	9	9	..	...	...	...
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI. — Criminal Force and Assault	...	13	...	...	...	13	...	13	...	6	7	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	7	13	...	13	13	...	...	...	...
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI. — Wrongful Restraint and Wrongful Confinement	...	1	2	...	...	3	...	3	...	...	3	...	...	..	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	2	2	..	...	...	...
Offences against property, Chapter XVII. — Criminal misappropriation of property	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Offences against property, Chapter XVII. — Cheating	...	1	...	..	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Offences against property, Chapter XVII. — Mischief	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	..	2	...	2	2	.	...	...	...
Offence relating to marriage, Chapter XX	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	-	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Defamation, Chapter XXI	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	..	..	...	...
Offences under Special and Local Laws	...	9	...	8	...	17	...	17	...	12	4	...	...	...	16	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	12	4	16	1	17	16	1	...	...	...
TOTAL	...	39	4	9	...	53	...	53	..	29	22	...	...	...	51	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	29	22	51	1	50	49	1	...	...	...

SUBSIDIARY TABLE.

35							36	
OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS SHOWN IN							OF CASES SHOWN IN COLUMN 30.	
Column 16.			Column 21.		Columns 21 and 24.		Disposed of by Magistrates.	Disposed of by Sessions Judges.
Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed jury, Section 451A (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Number of those in column 35 (1) whose cases were transferred under Section 451 of the Code.	Number who claimed a mixed number of assessors, Section 451 (2) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed jury, Section 451 (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Being European British subjects.	Other than European British subjects.	Being European British subjects.	Other than European British subjects.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
3	48	...	...	...	...	...	49	...	...	...

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